

**Jesus' Birth Foretold to Mary—The Annunciation (early 3 BC)**

Luke 1:26–38

26 Now in the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee named Nazareth,  
27 to a virgin legally promised in marriage to a man named Joseph of the house of David. And the name of the virgin *was* Mary.

28 And he came to her *and* said, “Greetings, favored one! The Lord *is* with you.”

29 But she was greatly perplexed at the statement, and was pondering what sort of greeting this might be.

30 And the angel said to her,

“Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.

31 And behold, you will conceive in the womb and will give birth to a son,  
and you will call his name Jesus.

32 This one will be great, and he will be called the Son of the Most High,  
and the Lord God will give him the throne of his father David.

33 And he will reign over the house of Jacob forever,  
and of his kingdom there will be no end. [cf. [1 Chr 17:7–14](#)]

34 And Mary said to the angel, “How will this be, since I have not had sexual relations with a man?”

35 And the angel answered *and* said to her,

“The Holy Spirit will come upon you,  
and the power of the Most High will overshadow you.  
Therefore also the one to be born will be called holy, the Son of God.

36 And behold, your relative Elizabeth—she also has conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren.

37 For nothing will be impossible with God.” [cf. [Gen 18:14](#)]

38 So Mary said, “Behold, the Lord’s female slave! May it happen to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.

**Jesus' Conception (early 3 BC)**

John 1:14a

14a And the Word became flesh...

**Mary Visits Her Relative Elizabeth (early to mid 3 BC)**

Luke 1:39–45

39 Now in those days Mary set out *and* traveled with haste into the hill country, to a town of Judah,  
40 and entered into the house of Zechariah, and greeted Elizabeth.

41 And it happened that when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby in her womb leaped and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.

42 And she cried out with a loud shout and said,

“Blessed *are* you among women,  
and blessed *is* the fruit of your womb!

43 And why *is* this *granted* to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?

44 For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy!

45 And blessed *is* she who believed that *there* will be a fulfillment to what was spoken to her from the Lord!”

**Mary's Song of Praise—The *Magnificat* (early to mid 3 BC)**

Luke 1:46–56

46 And Mary said,

“My soul exalts the Lord,

47 and my spirit has rejoiced greatly in God my Savior,

48 because he has looked upon the humble state of his female slave,  
for behold, from now on all generations will consider me blessed,

49 because the Mighty *One* has done great *things* for me,  
and holy *is* his name.

50 And his mercy *is* for generation after generation  
to those who fear him.

51 He has done a mighty deed with his arm;  
he has dispersed the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

52 He has brought down rulers from *their* thrones,  
and has exalted the lowly.

53 He has filled those who are hungry with good *things*,  
and those who are rich he has sent away empty-handed.

54 He has helped Israel his servant,  
remembering *his* mercy,

55 just as he spoke to our fathers,  
to Abraham and to his descendants forever.” [cf. [Ps 98:3](#)]

56 And Mary stayed with her about three months, and returned to her home.

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