

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Mary	Ruth	John	Joseph	Abraham
The Messiah's Mother (Luke 1:26-38)	What Are You Seeking?	The Execution of John (Mark 6:14-29)	The Man Caught Between Justice & The Crowd	Jesus' Sacrifice (Mark 15:16-32)

The Messiah's Mother

Luke 1:26-38

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Elizabeth & Zechariah	Mary & Joseph
Gabriel Visits With News of Child	Gabriel Visits With News of Child
Priestly Line (1:5)	Nothing Said of Mary's Lineage
Jerusalem (1:13)	Nazareth (1:26)
Barren Older Couple (1:7)	Betrothed Couple (1:27)
Zechariah Doubts (1:18)	Mary Trusts (1:34, 38)

The Messiah's Mother

- **Historical Setting**

- “In the days of Herod, king of Judea...” (Luke 1:5)
- “¹²When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.” (2 Samuel 7:12-13)
- “Jesus, when he began his ministry, was about thirty years of age, being the son (as was supposed) of Joseph...” (Luke 3:23)

- **The Virgin Birth**

- Proves Jesus is Son of God (vs. 35)
- “In Ancient Greek Mythology, Zeus was the ruler of all gods. He was also the god of the sky, thunder, and lightning... Zeus ruled from Mount Olympus, the home of the Greek gods. Zeus had seven wives and many more lovers throughout the span of his reign. As a result, he fathered many children – some divine and some half-mortal.”

The Messiah's Mother

- **“A City of Galilee Named Nazareth” (vs. 26)**
- **The Spirit Will “Overshadow” Her (vs. 35)**
- **“After these days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she kept herself hidden...” (Luke 1:24)**
- **“Let it be to me according to your word...” (vs. 38)**

Mary's Mission

- **Jesus Formed Within Her**

- **“Everywhere the great enters the little—its power to do so is almost the test of its greatness... In the Christian story God... comes down; down from the heights of absolute being into time and space, down into humanity...” (C.S. Lewis)**
- **“My little children, for whom I am again in the anguish of childbirth until Christ is formed in you!” (Galatians 4:19)**

- **Bring Jesus Into the World**

- **“²For I feel a divine jealousy for you, since I betrothed you to one husband, to present you as a pure virgin to Christ. ³But I am afraid that as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ.” (2 Cor. 11:2-3)**

Mary's Question

- Mary's Question: "How will this be, since I am a virgin?" (1:34)
- Zechariah's Question: "How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is advanced in years." (1:18)

Mary's Response

- **“Let it be to me according to your word...” (vs. 38)**
- **This Will Come at Great Cost**
 - **“We were not born of sexual immorality. We have one Father—even God.” (John 8:41)**
 - **“Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done” (Luke 22:42)**