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# A Threefold Surprise

## Luke 1:26–38



# Surprise because of:

1. Mary's virginity
2. Jesus' humanity
3. God's sovereignty



## **Surprise because of Mary's virginity...**

*In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man named Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And the angel came to her and said, "Greetings, favored woman! The Lord is with you." ... Mary asked the angel, "How can this be, since I have not had sexual relations with a man?"*

*The angel replied to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore, the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God."*

**Luke 1:26–28, 34–35**

**Surprise because of Mary's virginity...**

**...but not by God's grace**

"Hail, oh 'graced' one, the Lord is with you."

"Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found grace with God."

## Surprise because of Jesus' humanity...

*An angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing to the right of the altar of incense.*

Luke 1:11

*Then she gave birth to her firstborn son, and she wrapped him tightly in cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.*

Luke 2:7

# **Surprise because of Jesus' humanity...**

## **...but not by his compassion**

*For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.  
Therefore, as he was coming into the world, he said:  
You did not desire sacrifice and offering,  
but you prepared a body for me.*

Hebrews 10:4–5

*For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has been tempted in every way as we are, yet without sin.*

Hebrews 4:15



**Surprise because of God's sovereignty...**

**...but not by his faithfulness**

*...“For nothing will be impossible with God.”*

*“See, I am the Lord's servant,” said Mary. “May it happen to me as you have said.” Then the angel left her.*

Luke 1:37–38



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