

<p>Know Jesus: What have I learned about Him?</p>	<p>Love Jesus: How can I grow closer to Him?</p>
<p>Follow Jesus: How can I live more like Him?</p>	<p>General Observations</p>

FURTHER NOTES

**Sermon
Notes**
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**Following
in the steps of
Jesus**

Mary - The Beauty of Simple Faith

Luke 1:26-28

INTRODUCTION

Simple Faith – Starts with God

1. His Character Holiness, Majesty, Love; Goodness; Faithfulness; Mercy; Grace; Sovereignty; Power
2. His Promises – Love and never forsake; to provide and never withhold; to hold us and never let go
3. Then we trust this God and His promises at all times, in all circumstances, whether we understand what is happening or not.
4. Simple Faith still has its questions – but we take our questions to God with the assurance He has the answers... even if He chooses to not tell reveal that answer to us.

LUKE SETS THE SCENE 1:26-27

1. The angel Gabriel is sent by God with this announcement for Mary.

2. The Village of Nazareth

3. A young teenager named Mary

GABRIEL DELIVERS A LIFE-CHANGING MESSAGE FROM GOD 1:28-33

1. Gabriel begins with a greeting intended to set Mary at ease.

Vs.28

- “Greetings” -
- “Favored One” -
- “The Lord is with you” -

2. Mary is unsure and unsettled by Gabriel’s appearance. Vs.29

- “Greatly troubled “ -
- “Tried to discern” -

3. Gabriel delivers his message vs.30-33

- “Do not be afraid, you have found favor with God” -
- “You will conceive and bear a son” -
- “You shall call His name Jesus” -
- “He will be great” -
- “He will be called the Son of the Most High” -
- “The Lord God will give to Him the throne of His Father David” -

MARY RESPONDS WITH SIMPLE FAITH 1:34-38

To understand the world Jesus was born into we must first understand the impact four empires and one family had on the nation of Israel.

- The Babylonians (586 BC)

The Synagogue

- The Persians (537 BC)

The Scribes

- The Greeks (335 BC to 167 BC)

- The Maccabees (167 BC to 37 BC)

The Pharisees

Sadducees

- The Romans (63 BC to AD 70)

The Sanhedrin

THE SCENE IN HEAVEN – JOHN 1:1-5, 12, 14

While all of this was unfolding over 6 centuries, the Trinity, God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, was waiting for the pre-determined moment to begin their plan of redemption. John 1 tells us:

- Jesus is the Son of God (1:1)
- Jesus the Son, the Father and Holy Spirit have existed in perfect fellowship for all of eternity (1:2)
- Jesus created everything in existence in the universe (1:3)
- Jesus is the source of all life (1:4)
- Through saving faith in Jesus, we can become a child of God (1:12)
- At the appointed hour, Jesus enters humanity as an unborn child in Mary's womb (1:14)

WRAP IT UP – GALATIANS 4:4-7

