

Simple Study:

Luke 1:11-20 and 26-38

As I wrote this section and meditated on it, I realized how long chapter 1 of Luke is. When I researched, I learned it is the longest in the New Testament by verse, having 80. A lot happens in this chapter. We look at responses of Mary and Zechariah to an angel of the Lord.

What was the angel's name sent to Mary?

Tell the purpose of the visit (verse 31-33)?

Write down as many facts that you learn about Jesus from verses 32 & 33:

In verse 34, Mary did not doubt what she heard. She has faith but asked for more information. She is asking how it will come about, not questioning that it will. What did the angel tell her?

Earlier in the chapter we read Zechariah's response when an angel of the Lord told him about John the Baptist being born. In verse 12, what emotion did Zechariah feel when the angel appeared?

What impact did the fear have on his ability to receive the message? Before you answer we can agree that he and Elizabeth were old and conception would be impossible. But his question to the angel is one of unbelief and this is verified later in the text. Write the question Zechariah asked:

Spend time looking at Mary's response and Zechariah's response. In both conversations the angel answers their questions. But Mary understands the honor and has a beautiful response. Write out verse 38 here:

Back to Zechariah, verse 20, what does the angel say?

With the focus on faith, can you see the difference between the way each responded. What are your thoughts now?

For extra study, read Isaiah 9:1-7 of the prophesy that was fulfilled through Mary.

Spend time thanking God for the triune God. Look for ways that God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit were involved in Mary's story.

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