

**The Gospel in Luke**  
**Luke 1:26-33**

If you thought reading the OT chronologically was incredible, just wait until you read the NT chronologically. It is going to change the way you view the NT and the way you interact with it for the rest of your life.

This week you've read in Luke and John. Last Wednesday I taught an Introduction to John and the Sunday after this Wednesday's member/attender meeting, we will start the Gospel of John, verse by verse.

That Wednesday night, the format will change.

6:00-6:50 – Prayer

6:50-7:00 – Singing

7:00-7:30 – Teaching (on FB Live)

Let's read our text -

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**First: Our Lowliness. 26-27**

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The sixth month = six months after Zechariah was told that his wife, Elizabeth would conceive John the Baptist, the cousin of Jesus.

It is assumed that it was Gabriel who spoke with Daniel about his visions. If that is so, the last time we saw Gabriel was 600 years ago.

a) Nazareth

**John 1:46** - Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?"

b) Galilee

Galilee is the area of the 2 northern tribes of Israel; those tribes that remained faithful to God for the longest time.

Read - <https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/shows/religion/portrait/galilee.html>

c) To a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David.

d) And the virgin's name was Mary.

Both Matthew and Luke prove that Jesus was of the house of David

Read: <https://www.cgg.org/index.cfm/library/bqa/id/184/why-does-jesus-have-two-different-genealogies-matthew-11-16-luke-323-38.htm>

How did Joseph or Mary know that he was of the house of David? Do you remember all of those names in Nehemiah? Israel was re-counting by tribes after the Babylonian captivity. Those records will be destroyed in 70 AD by the Romans.

This means that Jesus is the last person whose ancestry from David can be proven through both his mother and father. Matthew holds those records and no other genealogical record back to the house of David, exists of another Jew living from the first century.

*Oh long and dark the stairs I trod,  
with stumbling feet to find my God,  
Gaining a foothold bit by bit  
Then slipping back and losing it.*

*There came a certain time when I  
Loosened my hold and fell thereby,  
Down to the lowest step my fall  
As if I had not climbed at all.*

*And as I lay despairing there,  
there came a footfall on the stairs  
And 'lo' when hope had ceased to be  
My God came down the stairs to me.*

- The Stairs by Theodosia Pickering Garrison

## Second: His Favor. 28-30

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1:12 - *And Zechariah was troubled when he saw him, and fear fell upon him.*

The Latin Vulgate has translated this phrase *gracia plena* (full of grace). That's a correct rendering. The problem lies when Pope Pious X declared that she is so full of grace that she has some to spare. He has taken Mary from one who receives grace to one who is a dispenser of grace. This is a distortion of the text. Only God extends grace to people. People do not extend grace to other people. No matter how many times you say Hail, Mary full of grace, she cannot give any to you.

*Her description as one who has found favor with God (kecharitomene, v. 30) makes it clear that God has acted on her behalf and not because of her.*

*In fact, Mary is totally perplexed by the sudden announcement. She did not ask for or seek this role in God's plans; God has simply stepped into her life and brought her into his service. Her asset is that she is faithful.*

29 - *But she was greatly troubled at the saying and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be.*

34 - *And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"*

Where is Mary's focus? What does Mary believe?

**47-55** - *My soul magnifies the Lord,<sup>47</sup> and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,<sup>48</sup> for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed;<sup>49</sup> for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name.<sup>50</sup> And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.<sup>51</sup> He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;<sup>52</sup> he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate;<sup>53</sup> he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty.<sup>54</sup> He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy,<sup>55</sup> as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever."*

This is just a record of the OT and you have read it this year. You know all of this is true.

**Deuteronomy 6b-9a** - *The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. <sup>7</sup>It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, <sup>8</sup>but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. <sup>9</sup>Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love*

This makes the gospel really good news. We are all on equal footing before God.

Yet even though God's grace to Israel was plain from the beginning, the Jews thought more of themselves than they should have and the NT attempts to correct that misunderstanding.

**Romans 10:12-13** – *For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. <sup>13</sup>For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”*

**Ephesians 2:8-9** - *For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, <sup>9</sup>not a result of works, so that no one may boast.*

- We are saved by grace
- Faith is a gift from God

To whom will God grant this gift of faith? According to Romans 10:13, to anyone who asks for it.

GOSPEL: - This means that Romans 10:12 - *So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.*

Mary cannot stand before God for you. Your mother cannot stand before God for you. You must stand before God for yourself.

ILL – Our young people went to the Bristol abortion clinic last week to take part in the most powerful protest known to humanity – prayer. I was talking with one of them afterward and said, “Sometimes a woman will say, it’s my body. But the baby’s heart starts beating at 6 weeks. No human being has two hearts. So it’s not a woman’s body. It’s another human body.” And that made me think, “God makes a human heart in 6 weeks. What have I done with my last six weeks?” But, to think that God can make a human heart in six weeks. How big, great, powerful, awesome and fearful is God? And one day, each of us, one by one, will stand before God.

**Luke 18:9-14a** - *He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: <sup>10</sup>“Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. <sup>11</sup>The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed<sup>@</sup> thus: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this*

tax collector. <sup>12</sup> I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' <sup>13</sup> But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' <sup>14</sup> I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. When you get to heaven, if anyone asks you why you should be there, don't say, "Because I placed faith in Jesus." Instead say, "Because Jesus died for me."

First: Our Lowliness

Second: His Favor

### Third: Jesus, the Difference. 31-33

And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. <sup>32</sup> He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, <sup>33</sup> and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

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- Both men are called 'great'

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But it is Jesus who is prophecies in the OT. (You have a section of notes on this)

1 – Jesus = God is Salvation. He is the NT fulfilment of Joshua. In Jericho, we see all the kingdoms of the world falling before Jesus until "every knee bows and every tongue confesses that Jesus is Lord" (Phil 2:10-11).

2 – He will be 'great'

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His baptism (with John the Baptist standing by) – Matthew 3:17 - *“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”*

His Transfiguration – Matthew 17:5 - *“This is my beloved Son,<sup>[a]</sup> with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.”*

3 – He will be called the Son of the Most High

In the first century when Luke was written, the answer to the question, “Who is the Son of God” was “Caesar Augustus.”

**Hebrews 1:1-3** - *Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets,<sup>2</sup> but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.<sup>3</sup> He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power.*

**Hebrews 1:5-8** - *For to which of the angels did God ever say, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”? Or again, “I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son”?<sup>6</sup> And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, “Let all God's angels worship him.”<sup>7</sup> Of the angels he says, “He makes his angels winds, and his ministers a flame of fire.”<sup>8</sup> But of the Son he says, “Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom.*

4 – And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David

In the Book of 2 Samuel 7 where God declares to King David that David will not build for God a dynasty, but God will build for David a dynasty. Beginning with Solomon and continuing on until this prophecy finds Jesus Christ. Jesus was the descendant of David and His kingdom will last forever.

5 – And he will reign over the house of Jacob forever

6 – And of his kingdom there will be no end

### Jesus in the Old Testament

In Genesis

He is the Creator. He is the Breath of Life. He is Seed of the woman. He is the Promised Redeemer. He is the Covenant Maker

He is the Ark of Noah. He is the Angel of God He is Jacob's Ladder

In Exodus

He is the Passover lamb. He is the Firstborn offered to God. He is the Burning Bush

#### In Leviticus,

He is the Tabernacle. He is the High Priest. He is Fire of Burnt offering on the altar  
 He is the water of cleansing in the laver. He is the Light of the Lampstand. He is the  
 Sweet Savor of the altar of incense. He is the Ark that holds the Law and Covenant . He is  
 Presence on the mercy seat of reconciliation. He is our Perfect Sacrifice. He is our  
 Thankful Offering

#### In Numbers

He is the Builder of nations recorded in genealogy. He is the Pillar of Cloud by day and  
 Fire by Night. He is the Water in the desert. He is Aaron's Rod

#### In Deuteronomy

He is the prophet like unto Moses. He is Moses's voice. He is the Hope of Promised  
 Inheritance

#### In Joshua

He is the Commander of the Lord's Army. He is the Victory in the battle. He is Joshua  
 (means Yahweh is salvation), who delivers His people.

#### In Judges

He is the Judge and Lawgiver. He is the Strength of Samson. He is the True Nazarite.  
 He is the Deliverer from injustice

#### In Ruth

He is the Giver of Bread to the hungry. He is Rest for the Weary. He is the Kinsman  
 Redeemer

#### In I & II Samuel

He is the Trusted Prophet. He is the Faithful Priest He is the True King. He is the Ebenezer  
 Stone of Help

#### In Kings and Chronicles

He is the Eternal King, the Seed of David. He is the Sovereign King of kings, greater than  
 Solomon. He is Elijah's mantle He is Shiloh. He is the True Temple. He is the  
 Righteousness of the tablets of stone.

#### In Ezra

He is the Faithful Scribe. He is the Priest who proclaims freedom. He is the Restorer of  
 Worship

#### In Nehemiah

He is the Rebuilder of the broken walls. He is the Restorer of broken people. He is the  
 Uniter of people to work together

#### In Esther

He is the Advocate for His people. He is Mordecai's courage. He is Esther's willing  
 service. He is the Protector of His people. He is the Salvation of Israel

#### In Job

He is the Ever-living Redeemer. He is the Mediator between God and man. He is the  
 Answer to all Job's question. He is the Power of Restoration

#### In Psalms

He is our Song in the morning and in the night. He is the Lord our Shepherd. He is the  
 Lord our High Tower. He is the Lord our Redeemer

In Proverbs & Ecclesiastes

He is True Wisdom. He is the Meaning of Life. He is the Hope we have

In Song of Solomon

He is the True Bridegroom. He is the Author of faithful love. He is the Song of songs.

In Isaiah

He is the High and Lifted-up One. He is the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father. He is the Prince of Peace. He is the Branch of Jesse. He is the Suffering Servant. He is the Branch of the Lord who Saves

In Jeremiah and Lamentations

He is the Weeping Prophet. He is the Tree planted by God's water. He is the Bearer of God's wrath. He is the Righteous Branch, a just King with power. He is the Restorer of Israel.

In Ezekiel

He is the wonderful Four-faced Living Creature. He is the Watchman. He is the Glory of God. He is the Voice of the Almighty

In Daniel

He is the Fourth Man in the Fire. He is the Crushing Stone. He is the Ancient of Days  
He is Messiah, the Coming Prince

In Hosea. He is the Faithful Lover. He is the Forgiving Husband.

In Joel. He is the Baptizer with the Holy Spirit. He is the Spirit's power.

In Amos

He is the Warning of judgment to come. He is the Arms that carry us. He is the Deliverer of justice to the oppressed He is the Tabernacle of David.

In Obadiah

He is the Judge of Evil-doers. He is the Hope of Edom.

In Jonah

He is the Greater Missionary, sent by God. He is the One Who Rose from death to prophesy to the lost.

In Micah

He is the Ruler from out of Bethlehem. He is the One who casts our sin into the sea

In Nahum

He is the Prophet of destruction. He is the Punisher of sin. He is the Proclaimer of future peace. He is our Strength and Shield

In Habakkuk

He is the Cry to God. He is the Strengthen of faith and trust.

In Zephaniah

He is the Plea for revival. He is the Warrior who saves.

In Haggai

He is the Rebuker of lack of care. He is the Encourager who mobilizes work. He is the Restorer of the lost heritage

In Zechariah

He is the Fountain for cleansing. He is the Branch, a Servant and Man. He is the Stone with seven eyes. He is the Angel of the Lord. He is the Staff, Beauty, broken for us



In Malachi

He is the Abundant Gift-giver. He is the Sun of Righteousness, with healing in His wings.  
He is the refiners fire and fuller's soap

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Is it any wonder that Mary breaks out in song (the Magnificat of vs 46-55)? It's why we are going to sing now.

**Community Groups:**

- 1 – How are you doing?
- 2 – Where are you doing well?
- 3 – How are you struggling?
- 4 – How do we know that Jesus is of the house of David?
- 5 – Why was it important that Jesus was of the house of David?
- 6 – What prophecy does Jesus fulfill in his virgin birth?
- 7 – What text proves that Mary was not sinless and needed a Savior?
- 8 – How does Mary's song (vs 47-55) point away from her and to God?
- 9 – What does Mary say God has done in her Magnificat?
- 10 – Why did God choose Israel?
- 11 – Why is grace necessary to save us?
- 12 – Why should we rest in God's grace and not our faith when we discuss our salvation?
- 13 – What does Jesus emphasize about salvation in Luke 18?
- 14 – How is Jesus greater than John the Baptist?

**Extra Notes:**

Prophecies Jesus fulfilled -

- **His Nativity and Early Years**  
 The fact: Genesis 3:15; Isaiah 7:14; Jeremiah 31:22  
 The place: Numbers 24:17, 19; Micah 5:2  
 Adoration by Magi: Psalm 72:10, 15; Isaiah 60: 3, 6
  
- **His Mission and Office**  
 Mission: Genesis 12:3; 49:10; Numbers 24:19; Deuteronomy 18:18-19; Psalm 21:1;  
 Isaiah 59:20; Jeremiah 33:16  
 Prophet like Moses: Deuteronomy 18:15  
 Conversion of Gentiles: Isaiah 11:10; Deuteronomy 32:43; Psalms 18:49; 19:4; 117:1;  
 Isaiah 42:1; 45:23; 49:6; Hosea 1:10; 2:23; Joel 2:32  
 Ministry in Galilee: Isaiah 9:1-2  
 Preaching: Psalms 2:7; 78:2; Isaiah 2:3; 61:1; Micah 4:2
  
- **His Passion**  
 Rejection by Jews and Gentiles: Psalms 2:1; 22:12; 41:5; 56:5; 69:8; 118:22-23; Isaiah  
 6:9-10; 8:14; 29:13; 53:1; 65:2  
 Persecution: Psalms 22:6; 35:7, 12; 56:5; 71:10; 109:2; Isaiah 49:7; 53:3  
 Triumphant entry: Psalms 8:2; 118:25-26; Zechariah 9:9  
 Betrayal by friend: Psalms 41:9; 55:13; Zechariah 13:6  
 False accusation: Psalms 2:1-2; 27:12; 35:11; 109:2  
 Silence under accusation: Psalm 38:13; Isaiah 53:7  
 Mocking: Psalms 22:7-8, 16; 109:25
  
- **His Resurrection**  
 Psalms 2:7; 16:8-10; 30:3; 41:10; 118:17
  
- **His Ascension**  
 Psalms 16:11; 24:7; 68:18; 110:1; 118:19
  
- **His Second Advent**  
 Psalm 50:3-6; Isaiah 9:6-7; 66:18; Daniel 7:13-14; Zechariah 12:10; 14:4-8
  
- **His Universal, Everlasting Dominion**  
 1 Chronicles 17:11-14; Psalms 2:6-8; 8:6; 45:6; 7; 72:8; 110:1-3; Isaiah 9:7; Daniel  
 7:14

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