



In this familiar passage, a heavenly visitor comes to Mary and proclaims that she will miraculously bear a child, and that He will be great. What does “great” mean to you? Let’s see what greatness is for Jesus.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Read & meditate on [Luke 1:26-38](#). Jot down 1 or 2 new thoughts that seem important to you. Why are they important to you?
2. Have someone read this text aloud with the rest following along. [Verse 26](#) gives us a “when,” a time indicator. Look back to [verses 5 through 24](#) to find out what happened six months earlier.
3. What do we learn about Joseph in [verse 27](#)? Why do you think this might be significant? How is Mary described?
4. How does the angel encourage Mary in [verses 28-31](#)? Have you ever experienced God’s grace or favor in an unusual way? Share your experience with someone. How did it feel? How did you respond?
5. In [verse 32](#) Gabriel says that Jesus will be “great.” Then he describes 4 things that Jesus will be or have or do. What are they? What do these 4 things have in common?
6. What does it mean for us today that Jesus is a king, an Eternal King, whose kingdom will never end? Where do you think His kingdom is today? How might this change or enlarge your concept of Jesus? How does it honestly make you feel about Him?
7. What do you think the angel’s statement in [verse 37](#) meant for Mary? What could it mean for you today?

MOVING FORWARD

What does it mean for *you* to live by faith in the Word? What would this faith look like? What practical small step of faith will you take this week, based on God’s Word?

CHANGING YOUR MIND

[“³¹ Now listen: You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will call His name Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David.”](#) Isaiah 35:4