

December 11th

Gabriel is in Mary's home, and Mary has just gone into panic mode at his greeting. And just as he did with Zacharias, he immediately addresses her anxiety and calms her fears.

Luke 1:30 – *Then the angel said to her, "Do not be _____, Mary, for you have found _____ with God"*

You have no reason to fear, Mary.

You have no reason to worry, Mary.

You have no reason to be anxious, Mary.

Because I come in peace to speak hope and life and promise to you.

Luke 1:31-33 – *And behold, you will _____ in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name _____.³² He will be _____, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father _____.³³ And He will _____ over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end*

Mary, you have been chosen to be part of God's plan.

Mary, God has seen your heart and your faithful constitution.

Mary, God has seen the strength of your character.

Mary, God knows you are the right girl to help Him fulfill His promise.

Mary, those Old Testament promises about the virgin are about YOU.

God wants YOU to "*conceive in your womb and bring forth*" the promised Messiah.

Yes, you.

The girl not yet married.

The girl from the small and somewhat disrespected village.

You, Mary. You can be part of God's story.

You, Mary. You can be part of the Messiah's story.

You, Mary. You can help change the world forever.

If you say "yes".

And her head had to be spinning. She had to be in shock.

Because the angel is speaking of the promised Immanuel.

The child who would be God with us.

A child to be named Jesus, to remind them the Lord is their salvation.

Going Deeper:

1. *What does God promise King David in 2 Samuel 7:16?*

2. *How does Gabriel's announcement align with the promise in Isaiah 7:14?*

3. *What does Isaiah 9:6 promise about Immanuel? Which name most resonates with you?*

4. *What does God promise about His kingdom in Daniel 2:44?*

5. *How has God been your salvation – from sin, selfishness, sacrilegedness, and self-righteousness?*

6. *How has God shown you favor?*
