**VISITATIONS:** Angel Gabriel Appears To Mary

Luke 1:26-35

* **God’s Visitations Are Often Unexpected.**

***26****In the sixth month of Elizabeth’s pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee,****27****to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin’s name was Mary.*

***28****The angel went to her and said, “Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you.”* ***29****Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be.****30****But the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God.* Luke 1:26-30

* **God’s Visitations Will DIRECT Your Plans.**

***31****You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus.****32****He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David,****33****and he will reign over Jacob’s descendants forever; his kingdom will never end.”* ***34****“How will this be,” Mary asked the angel, “since I am a virgin?”* Luke 1:31-34

**Messianic Prophecy:**

*Therefore the Lord himself will give youa sign: The virginwill conceive and give birth to a son, andwill call him Immanuel.* Isaiah 7:14

**Key: Jesus is both 100% God & 100% Human, or He Is Not Our Savior.**

*For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people.* Hebrews 2:17

***35****The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.* ***35****The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.* ***36****Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month.****37****For no word from God will ever fail.”* ***38****“I am the Lord’s servant,” Mary answered. “May your word to me be fulfilled.” Then the angel left her.* Luke 1:35-38

* **God’s Visitations Will Take You On An Adventure!**

***39****At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea,****40****where she entered Zechariah’s home and greeted Elizabeth.****41****When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.****42****In a loud voice she exclaimed: “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear!****43****But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?****44****As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy.****45****Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!”* Luke 1:39-45

***46****And Mary said: “My soul glorifies the Lord* ***47****and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,* ***48****for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed,* ***49*** *for the*

*Mighty One has done great things for me— holy is his name…*Luke 1:46-49

***56****Mary stayed with Elizabeth for about three months and then returned home.* ***57****When it was time for Elizabeth to have her baby, she gave birth to a son.****58****Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown her great mercy, and they shared her joy.* ***59****On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him after his father Zechariah,****60****but his mother spoke up and said, “No! He is to be called John.”* ***61****They said to her, “There is no one among your relatives who has that name.”* ***62****Then they made signs to his father, to find out what he would like to name the child.****63****He asked for a writing tablet, and to everyone’s astonishment he wrote, “His name is John.”****64****Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue set free, and he began to speak, praising God.* ***80****And the child grew and became strong in spirit; and he lived in the wilderness until he appeared publicly to Israel.* Luke 1:61-80

**KEY: Zechariah Teaches Us That Obedience Brings Blessing.**

**POINSETTIAS**