

# ANGELS

## FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY

Part 2 — *SENT to Deliver a Message* (Luke 1:26-38; Matt. 1:18-25)

⇒ **LUKE 1:26-38** (pages 855-856 in the pew Bibles)

⇒ **MATTHEW 1:18-25** (page 805 in the pew Bibles)

The messages are exactly the \_\_\_\_\_ in both passages:

- The angel \_\_\_\_\_ both people;
- The angel tells both of them not to be \_\_\_\_\_;
- The angel tells them a baby will be born;
- The angels tells them the baby's true identity;
- and the angel instructs both of them to name the baby \_\_\_\_\_.

Who is the angel that appears in the text? \_\_\_\_\_

What does that name mean? \_\_\_\_\_ of God

What is the angel's message? That a baby will be born. And not just any baby, but God Himself, wrapped in humanity (John 1:14). The Omnipotent King of Glory would come into this world to be born.

Who was this message delivered to? \_\_\_\_\_, a poor, illiterate country girl. R. Kent Hughes wrote, "From all indicators, Mary's life would not be extraordinary. She would marry humbly, give birth to numerous poor children, never travel farther than a few miles from home, and one day die like thousands of others before her—a nobody in a nothing town in the middle of nowhere. The greatest news ever proclaimed came to the humblest of people."

God wasn't looking for Mary's abilities or talents or prestige or power. He was looking for her

\_\_\_\_\_.

The Latin Vulgate Bible translated Luke 1:28 as "Ave, Maria, gratia plena," which means \_\_\_\_\_ Mary, full of \_\_\_\_\_." This faulty translation caused the Catholic church to distort the Scriptures and create a heretical doctrine about Mary. But the angel was simply saying here that Mary was "highly favored."

Why was Mary "highly favored"? Because God was \_\_\_\_\_ her. This is exactly what the angel told Joseph in Matthew 1:23, that the baby Jesus would be called Immanuel, which means "God is \_\_\_\_\_ us!" That's the message the angel was sent to deliver: *That God has come to be with His people, to save His people* (Matthew 1:21).

The hero of the story has come into our story to point us to God, to bring us to God, and to \_\_\_\_\_ us for God.

How will Jesus redeem us? He will *overshadow* us (Luke 1:35). That word is used in the Old Testament to describe the presence of God coming down to rest on the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Covenant in the Holy of Holies. That is how Jesus saves His people! He takes dead hearts (Ephesians 2:1) and brings life to them. How can this be? Because "nothing will be impossible for God" (Luke 1:37).

Have you trusted in this message today?