

When God Shows Up in Unlikely Ways / Luke 1:26 – 38

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Unlikely elements

- Nazareth is Unlikely (John 1:46 “anything good?”; “come and see!”)
- Mary is Unlikely (young, 13 to 15 yrs old; poor, female)
- Virgin birth is not only Unlikely, it’s singular and nearly beyond belief (Only angel visitation strengthens Joseph to trust and not divorce Mary)

Read Luke 1:26 -38

- In times of Unlikely Events God ignites FAITH through His Word
 - The Lord is with you
 - Behold, a virgin conceives, bears a son, Emmanuel (Is 7:14)
 - Holy spirit “overshadowing” (Ex 40:35)
- In times of Unlikely Events God encourages faith through key people:
 - Joseph (Mt. 1:24)
 - Elizabeth (No way! Aunt Elizabeth has conceived!?! (Luke 1:36)

Nothing is impossible with God!

Mary is very impressive here, but she is not the Hero of the story

- Jesus will save
- Jesus will be called great
- Jesus is Son of the Most High
- Jesus will reign forever

Mary is very impressive here, and she is to be esteemed and imitated

- Let it be
- To me
- According to your Word

A Dream

7 Promises – Make it your own: “Let it be . . . to me . . . according to your Word”

Elizabethan benediction: “Blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.” Luke 1:45