



Sermon Notes

The Annunciation - Luke 1:26-35 - ²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, "Greetings, **favored one!** The Lord is with you." ²⁹But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have **found favor** with God. ³¹And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³²He will be great, and will be called **the Son of the Most High**, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." ³⁴Mary said to the angel, "**How can this be, since I am a virgin?**" ³⁵The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called **Son of God**."

The Doctrine of the Virgin Birth

A Special Calling - Luke 1:36-38 - ³⁶And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. ³⁷**For nothing will be impossible with God.**" ³⁸Then Mary said, "**Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.**" Then the angel departed from her.

Theotokos - the God Bearer or the Mother of God.

Finding Joy through a Mentor - Luke 1:39-45 - ³⁹"In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, ⁴⁰where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth." ⁴¹When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, **the child leaped in her womb.** And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit ⁴²and exclaimed with a loud cry, "**Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. ⁴³And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me?**" ⁴⁴For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, **the child in my womb leaped for joy.** ⁴⁵And **blessed is she who believed** that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

The Magnificat: Mary's Song - Luke 1:46-55 - ⁴⁶And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, ⁴⁷and **my spirit rejoices** in God my Savior, ⁴⁸**for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.** Surely, from now on **all generations will call me blessed;** ⁴⁹for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. ⁵⁰His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. ⁵¹**He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud** in the thoughts of their hearts. ⁵²**He has brought down the powerful** from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; ⁵³**he has filled the hungry with good things**, and sent the rich away empty. ⁵⁴**He has helped his servant Israel**, in remembrance of his mercy, ⁵⁵according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

Things I would like to remember from today's sermon: _____
