Series: At Last Noel

<u>Title</u>: Mary's Hope and Joy

Text: (Luke 1:26-58)

26 And in the sixth month - Of Elizabeth's pregnancy with John the Baptist.

the angel Gabriel was sent from God

One of the 7 that stand in the presence of God. (Lk 1:19)

One of the seven archangels: (1 Thes 4:16) One of the 7 that are given Trumpets. (Rev 8:2) <u>A Divine Messenger from God</u>: Spoke twice to Daniel

A Divine Messenger With a Divine Message from God:

unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth,

90 miles N of Jerusalem Nazareth = Separated, crowned, Sanctified

27 To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, Fulfillment of Prophecy: (Is 7:14) Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

Have you ever asked yourself: Why a Virgin?

A Miraculous Conception, w/o human involvement, Brought about a Miraculous Birth, So we would know that He was no Ordinary Man.

(Is 7:14) is to be Immanuel: (God with us) Fulfilled in... (Matt 1:22-23) Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a

son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, **God with us.**

(Virgin) Necessary to be the Son of God. (Human) Necessary to be the Son of Man.

Jesus is as <u>Human</u> as His Mother. Jesus is as <u>Divine</u> as His Father.

He is the <u>Son of Man</u> on His Mother's side. He is the Son of Righteousness on His Father's side.

He is the <u>Servant</u> on His Mother's side. He is the <u>King of Kings</u> on His Father's side.

He is the <u>Suffering Lamb</u> on His Mother's side. He is the <u>Risen Lord</u> on His Father's side.

He is the <u>331/2 years old</u> on His Mother's side. He is From Everlasting to Everlasting on His Father's side.

Espoused ~ Engaged -

This would typically be a year long engagement.
The bridegroom would make his promise to her.
He would give a token as a symbol of their pledge.
Then He would return to his father's land to build a house.
Then the Bridegroom would come for the big ceremony.

28 And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women.

thou that art highly favoured ~ supported; aided;

WHY is she Favored?

Since (Gen 3) all Jewish women wanted to be the women to Bear the ONE!

NOEL! Not just any birth, but THE BIRTH!!!!

(Gen 3:15) And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

(Gen 4:1) *And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the LORD.* Mary was a virtuous girl.

29 And when she saw *him*, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. 30 And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God.

Favour = Grace

31 And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.

(Is 7:14) Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

<u>Conceive</u>: Human process. To receive seed and form a child. (Heb 2:16-17)

(John 1:14) And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

(2 John 1:7) Come in the flesh.

(Phil 2:7-8) (Gal 4:4) "Made of a woman"

bring forth a son: (Is 9:6a) For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given:

shalt call his name JESUS: ~ Savior (Lk 19:10)

32 He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:

(Is 9:6b) ... and the government shall be upon his shoulder:

Promise to Abraham: (Gen 12:3)

Promised to Isaac: (Gen 26:3-5)

Promised to Jacob: (Gen 28:14-15)

Promised to Judah: (Gen 49:10)

Promise to David: (2 Sam 7:25)

(Matt 1:1-17) Genealogy of Jesus, Joseph's Side "And Jacob begat Joseph"

(Luke 3:23-28) Genealogy of Jesus, Mary's Side (as was supposed) the son of Joseph, which was the son of Heli.

God is a god who keeps His promises. (Deut 7:9) (Titus 1:2) "God that cannot lie" (Num 23:19)

Jesus has title to the thrown by Blood, via his mother. (Vs 27) Jesus has title to the thrown by succession via his step father.

33 And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

(Is 9:6c) For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder:

34 Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? (Is 7:14)
Mary Confirms her purity.

35 And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. Her conception would be by the Holy Spirit of God. It would be supernatural.

It would be of God.

(Is 9:6d) and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counseller, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

36 And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren. 37 For with God nothing shall be impossible. (Matt 19:26) Nothing is Impossible Nothing too Hard for God (Jer 32:17, 27)

38 And Mary said, <u>Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word</u>. And the angel departed from her.

Mary's Salvation: Behold the handmaid of the Lord; Here I am, "Just as I am!" (Rom 4:5)

Mary's Sanctification:

"be it unto me according to thy word."

The sweet, submissive, godly spirit of Mary. She was willing to do whatever God had ordained for her. Though her selection was a great honor, nevertheless, it would be a time of great uncertainly which indeed came to pass.

39 And Mary arose in those days, and went into the hill country with haste, into a city of Juda;

No Bid deal, Joseph was busy working on their home.

40 And entered into the house of Zacharias, and saluted Elisabeth. 41 And it came to pass, that, when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost: 42 And she spake out with a loud voice, and said, Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb. 43 And whence is this to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? 44 For, lo, as soon as the voice of thy salutation sounded in mine ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy. 45 And blessed is she that believed: for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord.

Mary's heart breaks forth in Praise to the Lord.

46 And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord, 47 And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

Mary did not regard herself as sinless. Mary recognized her need of a savior.

48 For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden: for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. 49 For he that is mighty hath done to me great things; and holy *is* his name.

She did not see herself as more than anyone else.

But that the one who is more than everyone else has done something great in her.

50 And his mercy is on them that fear him from generation to generation. 51 He hath shewed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. 52 He hath put down the mighty from their seats, and exalted them of low degree. 53 He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away.

(1 Co 1:27) God chose to do this in a different way than we would have.

54 He hath holpen his servant Israel, in remembrance of *his* mercy; 55 As he spake to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his seed for ever.

God fulfilled His promise to Abraham, Isaac, Jacob: (Gen 12:1-3) Promise of the Messiah

God will fulfill His Promise to you also.

(John 10:28) Eternal life

(John 14:2) New Home in Heaven

(John 14:3) Family Reunion