



CONNECTIONS

Sermonnotes December 2, 2018

Keyverse

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. Luke 1:26-27

Heaven Breaking Through

Heaven on Earth series

Angels announce Jesus' coming to this earth to remind us that God's solution to our deepest problems is a supernatural Savior.

1. Have you ever had a good luck charm? Was it a religious symbol or something else? Why did you carry it?

2. What do you know about angels? Who—or what—are they? Where did they come from? Do we have guardian angels today? These Scriptures will help you:
 - Colossians 1:15-16—
 - Revelation 5:11-12—
 - Psalm 91:9-11—
 - 2 Thessalonians 1:6-7—

3. We encounter Gabriel four times in the Bible. What do these verses tell us about God's special messenger?
 - Daniel 8:15-17 and 9:20-23—

 - Luke 1:18-20 and 1:26-38—

4. Skim Matthew 1:18-2:23. Was it *Gabriel* who also appeared to Joseph (4 times!), or another angel not named? What do you think?

5. Where are you when it comes to believing in the supernatural—angels, Mary conceived Jesus as a virgin, Jesus as fully God and fully man? How could you celebrate Jesus' birth more like the angels this Christmas?
 - Skeptical—*To be honest, I have my doubts.*
 - Superstitious—*I cover my bases, just in case. We all need some good luck.*
 - Spiritual—*I have good reasons to believe the supernatural details of Jesus' coming.*