

Sermon Title: MARY'S DISCOVERIES

Date: December 8, 2024 - Luke 1:26-38

Central Idea: God always accomplishes His plan for His people. Have you opened your heart to all God has for you?

Introduction: God had spoken to the fathers by the prophets, and after four centuries of silence, He was about to speak to all mankind through His Son. There is a flurry of angelic activity. The world enters a time of swift prophetic fulfillment. The same angel who went to Jerusalem (v.8) now goes to Nazareth (v. 26). These verses reveal what Mary discovered in this encounter with the angel.

I. Mary Discovered God's Plans

1. Mary's plans
2. Gabriel's message

II. Mary Discovered God's Promises

1. "Son of the Most High," v. 32
2. Will rule on David's throne, v. 32
3. Born of a virgin, Isaiah 7:14
4. Born in Bethlehem, Micah 5:2

III. Mary Discovered God's Power, vv. 34-37

1. Holy Spirit will do the impossible, v. 35
2. With God all things are possible.

Conclusion: Mary's Faith, v. 38

Though she faced many difficult circumstances, Mary spoke in faith. Like Mary, we can't truly be servants of Christ unless we accept His plan for our lives. Mary trusted God. She belonged totally to the Lord—body (v. 38), soul (v. 46), and spirit (v. 47). What an example for us to follow (Romans 12:1,2)!