The Son of the Most High

[Luke 1:26-38](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke%201%3A26-38&version=ESV) Key Verse 32: “He 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 father David,”

1. Look at verses 26-27. Where was the angel Gabriel sent and who was he sent to?
Why is it significant that Joseph was “of the house of David”?
How is this connected to the prophecy from Isaiah 9? ([Isaiah 9:1,7](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah%209%3A1%2C7&version=ESV))
2. V28-30. What do you think the greeting “O favored one, the LORD is with you!” means? How did Mary react?(29) Why do you think Gabriel said the following words to Mary: “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.”?
3. V31. What was promised to Mary? What does the name Jesus mean? Where else was this same name used in the bible?([Joshua 1:1-2](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=joshua%201%3A1-2&version=ESV)) What could this name infer about the child’s life and mission?
4. V32-33. What important qualities of Jesus are proclaimed by Gabriel? Consider each of these qualities. Why is it significant that:
	1. He will be called the Son of the Most High?
	2. The LORD God will give him the throne of his father David?
	3. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever?
	4. Of his kingdom there will be no end?
5. V34-35. What question did Mary ask?(34) What did the angel say would happen, how would the child be born?(35) Why will the child be called “holy” and “the son of God”?
	1. How is this process similar to the process of being born again and becoming a child of God?
6. V36-37. What did Gabriel share with Mary? Why? What limitations did Elizabeth have that made child bearing impossible?(36) What does this miracle show about God?(37)
7. V38. How did Mary respond and accept her calling? What did Mary say of herself and what she would do? Why are these words from Mary significant?
8. How is this passage a fulfillment of the prophecy regarding the woman's offspring/seed mentioned in [Genesis 3:15](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis%203%3A15&version=ESV)?

 **Notes:**

* The name Jesus means = God is salvation.
* Jesus is the Greek version of the Hebrew name Joshua.
* Joshua’s mission was to lead the people over the Jordan and into the promised land.
* Joshua was a precursor to Jesus who will lead people over death and into the true promised land that is eternal.