

# Humble Servants

Luke 1:26-56

What kind of person can change the world?

## The Setting for this Story

Luke tells the story of the Good News of Jesus' fulfillment of God's \_\_\_\_\_ to bring salvation

His birth, ministry (\_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_), death, & resurrection

## The beginning of the story of Jesus' birth

Zechariah and Elizabeth: God-pleasing yet \_\_\_\_\_

Angel promises that they'll have a son who will be \_\_\_\_\_

Zechariah wants \_\_\_\_\_ so he can be sure it will happen

The proof: can't \_\_\_\_\_ with people until the boy is born

Elizabeth gets pregnant and \_\_\_\_\_ God!

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26-37: Angel tells Mary she will give birth to a baby boy

Contrast with Zechariah

\_\_\_\_\_ young woman vs. \_\_\_\_\_ elder man

\_\_\_\_\_ in Galilee vs. \_\_\_\_\_ in the temple in Jerusalem

Same angel with a more dramatic \_\_\_\_\_

Pregnancy of a \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. elderly married \_\_\_\_\_)

Child will be "Son of the Most High" and \_\_\_\_\_ forever on David's throne (vs. "spirit and power of Elijah")

Mary asks: "How will it \_\_\_\_\_?"

Answer: the \_\_\_\_\_

God's \_\_\_\_\_ never fails

38: Mary humbly \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

The \_\_\_\_\_ does what the Master says

Contrast with Zechariah

He "did not \_\_\_\_\_" Gabriel's words

Mary understands, believes, and willingly \_\_\_\_\_

39-45: Elizabeth confirms God's \_\_\_\_\_ & Mary's humble \_\_\_\_\_

Elizabeth's unborn child is already preparing peoples' hearts for \_\_\_\_\_!

The \_\_\_\_\_ is at work

Elizabeth knows that Mary's baby is "my \_\_\_\_\_"

Blesses Mary "who has \_\_\_\_\_ that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her"

46-55: Mary rejoices and praises God for helping the \_\_\_\_\_

Glorifies "God my \_\_\_\_\_"

Rejoices in help for the humble, hungry, \_\_\_\_\_

Personally and for \_\_\_\_\_ people (which was to be a blessing for \_\_\_\_\_ peoples)

The proud \_\_\_\_\_ will be brought down

56: Mary & Elizabeth prepare for \_\_\_\_\_

Stay until Elizabeth was going to give birth

## The Big Idea:

God's greatest work

is through humble \_\_\_\_\_ and complete \_\_\_\_\_

to His Word and \_\_\_\_\_

by His \_\_\_\_\_

and by His \_\_\_\_\_ by faith

Philippians 2:6-8; 1 Peter 5:5b-6

## Application

Trust in God's \_\_\_\_\_ work

Jesus can seem unimpressive

and \_\_\_\_\_

Isaiah 53:2b-3a

Yet His \_\_\_\_\_ will be over every living being

Acts 4:11; Philippians 2:9-11

Humbly submit to His \_\_\_\_\_ and His \_\_\_\_\_

Luke 1:38

What can God ask of us? What is He asking of us?

We are tempted as Satan tempted \_\_\_\_\_:

riches, honor & praise, pleasure & needs, power

Jesus commanded people to turn from these to \_\_\_\_\_ Him

It can be hard to hear His \_\_\_\_\_

When you have these things, behave as if...

What kind of person can change the world?

Anyone who humbly trusts and obeys the Word and will of God our Savior, even in \_\_\_\_\_ and weakness and trouble

## Reflection

- How might we miss the work of God when we overlook the lowly and obscure people (including ourselves) and things in the world?
- What makes it challenging for you to humbly trust in God's Word and will?
- In what ways is it challenging for you to submit to God's will? Why?

