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Dr. Luke is now going to tell us about an event that happened in the 6th month of Elisabeth's pregnancy with 3 more months to go. We are in the middle of December; and I bet it's not about inviting relatives for Hanukkah or Christmas! You know, the Bible is so interesting when you read it, isn't it?

²⁶ **And in the sixth month** / so let us all do the math: starting from mid-June... mid-July, mid-August, mid-September, mid-October, mid-November, **mid-December**; (* or mid-June).

the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee, called Nazareth,

²⁷ **To a virgin engaged** / she was pledged to be a wife that year, **to a man named Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.**

²⁸ **And the angel came to her and said, Rejoice, you are highly favored** / : charitoo; Paul uses this word to the Ephesians, when he writes: in the Beloved Son we are **graciously graced**; same word; and these words warmed Mary's chilly reality during those dreary, snowy days in mid-December,

the Lord is with you: blessed are you among women / in Greek: **eulogeo**; where we get the word: **eulogy**. Speaking **good words**; the difference is God and His people speak good words when we're living; not like modern society, when we're dead.

²⁹ **And when she saw him, she was startled at his saying, and wondering what kind of greeting this was.**

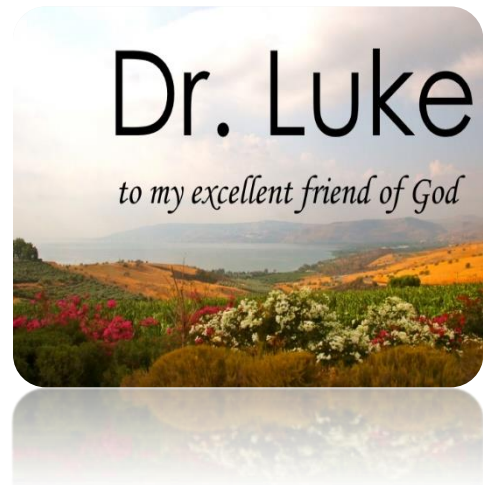
³⁰ **And the angel told her, Do not fear, Mary: for you have found favor with God** / : charis... of the 150 times in the NT, 130 times it is translated: **grace**. Jesus found favor with God; Stephen found favor with God. It is always God's favorite word to all His people in Colossus, Corinth, Ephesus, Philippi, Thessalonica and wherever they are found.

³¹ **Behold, you will give birth to a son, and will name Him Jesus.**

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 / the prophet Daniel tells us, that will happen when the 4th bestial government is finally smashed... when the time of the Gentiles comes to an end; until then, we know what Jesus said to Pilate, My kingdom is not of this world... though someday it will be. And then we all will shout: **Hallelujah!**

³³ **And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever; and His kingdom will never end** / when He comes to smash Daniel's 4th bestial kingdom of the world.



³⁴ Then Mary said to the angel, How can this be, since I am a virgin?

³⁵ And the angel answered and said to her, The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you: and therefore the holy One will be called the Son of God.

³⁶ And behold, your cousin Elisabeth, she has also conceived a son in her old age: and she who was called barren is in here sixth month / so this heavenly visitor during snowy mid-December, (* or mid-June) informs Mary that her elder cousin is 6 months pregnant.

³⁷ For nothing is impossible with God.

³⁸ And Mary said,

Behold the female servant of the Lord / she declared her profound gratitude to the Lord; although this is not an exclusive word. Peter, of all people... is inspired to use that same word when he quotes Joel: And on my servants and on my **female servants**... literally: on my doulos and my **doule**... I will pour out My Spirit in those last, future days; and they will prophesy -- **Acts 2**. So, whatever these words mean... more women and men... in future days will be just as grateful as Mary;

And Mary said... let it be to me according to your word.

And the angel departed from her.

So let's recap: If this visit took place in mid-December; we also learn John would be born in the middle of March; and since Jesus was six months younger... let's do the math, now, I just know simple math, not hocus pocus math: so starting in the middle of March... mid-April, mid-May, mid-June, mid-July, mid-August... and mid-**September**! Well, isn't that interesting? That is the **5th great Day** Moses tells us about: **the Feast of Trumpets... modern day Rosh Hashanah**; you know, **Happy New Year!**

And just aside: the school year in agrarian societies always began in September, after spring planting and summer growth. So truly, the coming of Jesus the Messiah brought a very Happy New Year... in September!

Aside # 2... I wonder if that is why for 3,000 years; 2 silver trumpets... with all the shofars are blown every 15 minutes, 100 times throughout that great **Day of Trumpets**; announcing both comings of Messiah.

Aside # 3... Hey, isn't September when the heavens declare the glory of God? **Psalms 19** says: **a mighty Soldier-Athlete is coming for His bride**; and all the ancient cultures agree... Hebrew, Greek, Egyptian, Arabic and others, that divide their calendars, starting with constellation **Virgo**, who is less important than the bright star in her hand: **Spica**, the seed of woman; ending with Leo the Lion's foot on the venomous Hydra.

³⁹ And in those days, Mary went in a hurry and to a town in the hill country, of Judea;

⁴⁰ And entered the house of Zacharias, and greeted Elisabeth.

⁴¹ And it happened, that when Elisabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb; and Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit:

⁴² And she exclaimed with a loud voice, and joyously said,

Blessed are you among women, and **blessed** is the child in your womb / again, **eulogia**; and notice: now the elder, a very pregnant cousin gives this double blessing; she speaks good words.

⁴³ And how could it happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me?

⁴⁴ For, mark this, when the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby leaped for joy in my womb.

⁴⁵ And favored by God is she who believed / in Greek: **makarios**; marked with God's favor; like the poor in spirit, and those who hunger and thirst to do what is right; and all the peace makers -- same word:

for there will be a fulfillment of what was told her from the Lord.

⁴⁶ And Mary said, **My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord** / something most in the roman tradition do not do;

⁴⁷ And my spirit rejoices **[1]** in God **my Savior** / in Greek: **soter**, one who delivers from danger; in this roman culture, the caesar thought he was the savior; and now days, some are afraid to hear truths of God from a woman; Mary needed a Savior; and her savior was not found in Rome.

⁴⁸ **[2]** For He has regarded the lowly estate of His doule / His female servant: **for, indeed, from now on all generations will call me blessed** / makarios: also marked with God's favor.

⁴⁹ **[3]** For the Mighty One has done great things for me;

[4] and holy is His name.

⁵⁰ **[5]** and His mercy is from generation to generation of those who fear Him.

⁵¹ **[6]** He has done a mighty deed with His arm; **[7]** He scattered the proud for the thoughts of their heart.

⁵² **[8]** He deposed rulers from their thrones; **[9]** and exalted those who were lowly.

⁵³ **[10]** He satisfied the hungry with good things; **[11]** but the rich He sent away empty.

⁵⁴ **[12]** He helped His servant **Israel** / = **ruled by God**, remembering His mercy;

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⁵⁵ **[13] As He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham, and his seed forever / WOW, Mary was clearly thankful to God for His unexpected kindness honoring her to carry to term the Messiah, wasn't she.**

⁵⁶ **And Mary stayed with her about three months, and returned to her own house.**

The Birth of John the messenger,

⁵⁷ **Now the time came for Elizabeth, that she give birth; and she brought forth a son.**

⁵⁸ **And her neighbors and her cousins heard how the Lord bestowed great mercy on her; and they rejoiced with her.**

⁵⁹ **And it happened, on the eighth day they went to circumcise the child; and they called him Zacharias, after the name of his father.**

⁶⁰ **And his mother answered and said, No; he will be called John.**

⁶¹ **And they said to her, Not one of your relatives is called by that name.**

⁶² **And they made signs to his father, how he would call him.**

⁶³ **And he asked for a writing tablet, and wrote, saying,**

His name is John. And they were amazed.

⁶⁴ **And instantly his mouth was opened, and his tongue loosed; and he spoke praises to God.**

⁶⁵ **And fear came on all those living around them: and all these matters were chattered about throughout all the hill country of Judea.**

⁶⁶ **And all who heard them kept them in their hearts, saying, What kind of child will this one be! For the hand of the Lord was with him.**

⁶⁷ **And his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Spirit, and prophesied, saying,**

⁶⁸ **Blessed is the Lord God of those ruled by God; for He visited and redeemed His people,**

⁶⁹ **and raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David;**

⁷⁰ **as He spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets, from ancient times:**

⁷¹ **that salvation from our enemies, and from the hand of all who hate us;**

⁷² **to show mercy promised to our fathers, and to remember His holy covenant;**

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⁷³ the oath which He pledged to our father Abraham,

⁷⁴ to grant us, that being delivered from the hand of our enemies, we serve Him without fear,

⁷⁵ in holiness and rightness before Him, all the days of our life.

⁷⁶ And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Highest: **for you will go before the face of the Lord to prepare His ways;**

⁷⁷ to give knowledge of **salvation** / Yeshuah to His people through the payment of their sins,

⁷⁸ because of the tender mercy of our God; when the Sunrise from on high visits us,

⁷⁹ to shine on those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet to the way of peace.

⁸⁰ And the child grew, and continued strong in spirit, and lived in the deserts until the day of his appearance to **Israel**.

OR THE ALTERNATIVE DATES can be estimated from the verses, as six months later Zechariah also served in the temple; so, the Bible indicates John was either born in March or September; then Jesus was born in September or March.