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The Annunciation

The hour was at hand for which God had been preparing His people. Not only the Jews, but all the world was looking for a redeemer. They prayed that God would now keep the promise He made to Adam and Eve and had repeated again and again through the prophets.

The Angel Gabriel was sent from God to the town of Nazareth, in that part of the land called Galilee, in the north. There the angel found a young girl named Mary who was soon to be married to Joseph, a very good man who also lived in Nazareth, though Joseph was a carpenter, he was a relative of King David. The angel came into the room where Mary was and said to her “Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you. You are blessed among women.”

Mary was surprised at the angel’s words and wondered what they could mean. Then the angel spoke again and said, “Do not be afraid, Mary. You have found grace with God. The lord has chosen you to be the mother of a Son and you shall call him Jesus. He shall be great; and shall be the Son of God. The Lord will give him the throne of David His father. He shall be king over the people of God forever; and of His kingdom there shall be no end.”

But Mary could not see how all this would happen. In the Angel said to her, “The Holy Spirit shall come upon you, and the power of the most high God shall be over you; and the Holy One to be born shall be called the Son of God. And your cousin Elizabeth will also have a son in her old age, for nothing is impossible With God.”

Mary was obedient. She knew that the Angel was sent by God to tell her what God wanted. So she replied, “behold the handmaid of the Lord. Be it done to me according to your word.” and the Angel departed from her.

As soon as Mary gave this answer, she became the Mother of God. The second person of the Blessed Trinity took to himself a body and soul like ours. He became a man and dwelt among us. This is called the mystery of the Incarnation.

The coming of the Angel to Mary is called the Annunciation, because the Angel announced the birth of Jesus. The church celebrates the feast of the Annunciation on March 25th.

CHAPTER 1: THE ANNUCIATION

- 1) WHO WAS SENT FROM GOD TO NAZARETH?**

- 2) WHO APPEARED TO MARY?**

- 3) HOW MUST MARY HAVE FELT AFTER SEEING THE ANGEL?**

- 4) WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO FIND GRACE WITH GOD?**

- 5) WHAT WOULD MARY'S BABY BE CALLED?**

- 6) WHAT WOULD MARY'S BABY BE?**

- 7) DO YOU BELIEVE ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE WITH GOD? GIVE SOME EXAMPLES WHERE YOUR FAITH HAS HELPED YOU IN A SITUATION.**

