

**Valley Bible Church**  
**Sermon Notes for December 21, 2014**

**Gabriel's Conversation with Mary**  
**Luke 1:26-38**

The interaction between Gabriel and Mary, that is recorded for us in Luke 1:26-38, consists of five different parts.

Gabriel greeted Mary (Luke 1:26-30).

When Gabriel said to Mary, "Greetings, favored one," he was simply seeking to communicate to Mary that God had chosen to bless her and therefore she was a favored one.

Gabriel announced to Mary how God was going to bless her (Luke 1:31-33).

God was going to bless her through a pregnancy that would result in the birth of a Son whom she was to name "Jesus" (Luke 1:31).

God would bless her with a Son who would be great (Luke 1:32-33).

Mary's Son, according to Gabriel, would be "great" because He "will be called the Son of the Most High."

Mary's Son would also be great because her Son would be the long-awaited Messiah (Luke 1:32-33; cf. 2 Samuel 7:8-16).

Mary has a puzzled but believing response (Luke 1:34).

Gabriel explained to Mary how she was going to become pregnant (Luke 1:35-37).

The word "overshadow" (EPIKIAZO) is used in the Greek Old Testament to describe God's presence in the sanctuary and in the New Testament to describe God's presence at the transfiguration.

Mary fully surrendered to God's revealed will as it had been delivered to her through Gabriel (Luke 1:38).

May God give us the grace to respond to the favor He has poured out upon us in Christ by striving to live our lives as His bond slaves fully surrendered to His will as revealed to us in His word.