

WHO IS JESUS CHRIST?

(Matthew 1:18-25 and Luke 1:26-38)

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1. The angel Gabriel came from God to a city in Galilee, called Nazareth [meaning: “branch” - Isaiah 11:1; John 1:46] to **a virgin, whose name was Mary**. (Jesus was born of a virgin - Luke 1:26, 27; Matt. 1:23, 25; Isa. 7:14b; “*God gives grace to the humble.*” - 1 Pet. 5:5; Prov. 3:34b)
2. Gabriel said to Mary, “*Hail, one having been richly blessed! The Lord is with you.*” “*Do not be afraid, Mary; for you have found grace with God. And behold you will **conceive in your womb and bear a son,***” (the virgin conception - Luke 1:31a; Lk 2:21c; Matt. 1:20c; 23a; Isa. 7:14b; and the virgin birth - the Matt. 1:21a, 23b; Luke 1:31b; 2:7, 12, 16; Isa. 7:14b; 9:6b)
3. “*And you shall **name Him Jesus***” (Luke 1:31b; 2:21b; Matt. 1:25c - His name, Jesus, means: “Jehovah saves,” and speaks of the humanity of Jesus Christ. “*He will save His people from their sins.*” - Matt. 1:21b) They shall also “*call His name Immanuel, which translated means, God with us.*” - Matt. 1:23c; Isa. 7:14c)
4. “**He will be great.**” (Luke 1:32a - Jesus will be great in His life, in His death, in His resurrection, ascension, session, and in His eternal position as the God-Man-Savior.)
5. “*He will be called the **Son of the Most High;***” (Luke 1:32b - this phrase describes the deity of Jesus Christ. Jesus is “*God with us.*” - Matt. 1:23d)
6. “*And the Lord will give Him **the throne of His father David;***” (Luke 1:32c - Jesus will fulfill the Covenant God made with David in 2 Samuel 7:10-13, 16; 1 Chron. 17: 9, 10, 12, 14; Isaiah 9:7)
7. “*And Jesus “will **reign over the house of Jacob forever; and His kingdom will have no end.**”* (Luke 1:33 - Jesus will fulfill the covenants God made with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and He will reign as “*King of Kings and Lord of Lords*” forever.)
 - a. Covenant to Abraham - Gen. 12:1-3; 15:18-21; 17:1-8; Rom. 4:11
 - b. Covenant to Isaac - Gen. 26:2-5, 23
 - c. Covenant to Jacob - Gen. 35:9-12
 - d. Jesus will reign as “*King of Kings and Lord of Lords*” - 1 Tim.6:15, 16; Rev. 12:5; 17:14; 19:15, 16; with Deut. 10:17; Psalm 2:6