

HFG Questions for A Biblical Portrait of Mary (Luke 1:26–56)

Read Luke 1:26-56

1. Through which of David's sons was Mary descended (Luke 3:31)?

2. What was Mary's hometown? Geographically, where does it lie within Israel?

3. What aspects of Mary's character can we see in the course of her conversation with the angel Gabriel?

4. Is the virgin birth of Christ an absolute theological necessity? How is the Gospel affected if the virgin birth is compromised?

5. What did Gabriel mean when he greeted Mary with these words: “Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you”?

6. What is the connection between Genesis 1:2 and Luke 1:35? What role does the Holy Spirit have in each passage?

7. Look at Genesis 18:14, Job 42:2, Jeremiah 32:17, and Luke 1:37. What do all these different passages teach us about God?

8. Luke 1:38 could be seen as Mary's life goal. What heart attitude do you see in Mary's simple words? Do these words reflect your heart too?

9. How is Mary's humility reflected in the first few lines of her song "Magnificat" (Luke 1:46-48)?

10. Mary's worship was also intense, continuous, and God-centered. Is yours? If not, how can you change your worship?
