

### Luke 1:26-29

Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the descendants of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming in, he said to her, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was very perplexed at this statement, and kept pondering what kind of salutation this was.

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The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David; and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end."

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## Final Word, Last Adam The Word work of the Holy Spirit.

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# Jesus was not just *a* prophet, He was *THE* Prophet! He is the *final* Word of God.

#### **Hebrews 1:1-2**

God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, in these last days has spoken to us in His Son.

John 1:14

And the Word became flesh...

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Then God **said**, "Let there be light"; and there was light.

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The Scriptures connect the Holy Spirit with the creation of life, and it is this same Spirit who overshadows Mary and conceives life in her womb.

#### 1 Corinthians 15:45

So also it is written,

"The first man, Adam, became a living soul..."

#### Genesis 2:7

Then the LORD God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

...The last Adam became a life-giving spirit.

# The Spirit gave life to the man Jesus and made Him to be a life-giving spirit.

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Jesus is the new Israel, the embodiment of His people, and through His Exodus --His death and resurrection--He has led us out of captivity! He was made to be our Life-Saver!

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# The work of the Holy Spirit in Mary's womb results in a *HOLY* child.

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The Holy Spirit secured your salvation by conceiving in Mary the Man able to present Himself as the perfectly pure sacrifice.

Are you drawing near through Him?

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#### Jesus is the Son of God and the last Adam.

#### **Luke 3:38**

...the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God.

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# Adam was the original son of God, but Jesus is the Last and Great Son of God!

#### Luke 1:32

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As the last and perfect Adam, the Son of the Most High, He alone is fit to stand in your place before the Father!

# The significance to you?

**Romans 8:32** 

He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?

### Conclusion

Jesus is the only one fit to stand before God as a mediator on behalf of His people.

Do you see your need for a mediator before God?

Are you drawing near to God through Jesus alone?