

Mary: Trusting God's perplexing plan

Luke 1:26-2:20, p. 830

I. ACCEPTING GOD'S UNFATHOMABLE WILL (LUKE 1:26-56)

- A. "How will this be?" Mary could not understand (1:34).
 - The virgin birth – The Triune God will do it (1:35).
 - Nothing is impossible with God (1:37).
- B. "I am the Lord's servant... Be it done to me according to your word" – Mary accepted Gabriel's explanation (1:38).
 - Mary praised God before His plan was fulfilled (1:46-55).

II. ENDURING GOD'S DIFFICULT PLAN (LUKE 2:1-8)

- God's will required an inconvenient journey and the unusually difficult circumstances of Jesus' birth.

III. MARVELLING AT GOD'S WONDERFUL WAY (LUKE 2:9-20)

- A. The shepherds confirmed God's plan for Jesus (2:9-16).
- B. Mary privately treasured seeing God's plan unfold (2:19).