

Act 1 Scene 2 The Angel Visits Mary

Taken from [Luke 1:26-38](#)

CAST	
Luke	A friend and disciple of Jesus, Luke acts as the Narrator in this scene, taken from the Gospel of Luke
Mary	Mary is a young woman when we first encounter her in the Bible, and is engaged to be married to Joseph.
Angel Gabriel	Gabriel only appears by name in two passages in Luke, both times bringing important messages from God about babies. We do not know what angels look like, but they are often depicted in art as being beautiful winged creatures.
Joseph	Although he does not appear in this scene, he arrives just after the angel leaves. I wonder what his reaction will be to the news?
Elizabeth	Elizabeth is Mary's cousin and is also pregnant. Mary visits her, following her conversation with Joseph. I wonder what Elizabeth will say?

*For more information on the people that encountered Jesus, see the '**people**' area of the website*

MARY enters.

LUKE It begins with a lowly country girl chosen by God from amongst all women for the purity of her heart. She is pledged to be married to a carpenter named Joseph, and her name is Mary.

ARCHANGEL GABRIEL appears. MARY is astonished.

GABRIEL Hail Mary, full of grace! I am Archangel Gabriel, messenger from God. You are highly favoured, and blessed are you amongst women.

MARY What? What do you mean?

GABRIEL Fear not Mary, for you have found favour with God and you will give birth to his son, whom you will call Jesus.

MARY But how can this be since I know no man?

GABRIEL Because you will conceive through the Holy Spirit, God's power will come to you. You will have a holy child who will be the Son of God. He will be great and called the son of the most high. The Lord God will give him the throne of his forefather David and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever. His Kingdom will have no end. Even your kinswoman Elizabeth, in

her old age; she has conceived a son and is now in her sixth month, she who was said to be barren. Remember Mary nothing is impossible for God.

MARY So be it. I am the Lord's servant; let His will be done unto me as you have said. My spirit rejoices in God my saviour and I will adore and love him forever.

Angel Gabriel leaves.

How wonderful that God has chosen me from all women to bear his son. And my cousin Elizabeth, in her sixth month, she who has always been barren. She is in the hills of Judea I must go to her, I must be with her. She will need me.

