

A photograph of two men in traditional, dark-colored robes and white head coverings walking away from the camera along a dirt path. They are positioned in front of a large, rustic stone wall made of irregular, light-colored stones. The man on the left is wearing a dark green robe, and the man on the right is wearing a dark brown robe. Both have a light-colored sash or bag slung over their shoulders. The background shows some greenery and a tree trunk on the left. The text is overlaid on the image in a white, stylized font.

The Lord's Servant
Luke 1:26-38

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What will we learn?

- ❖ The Lord works in strange, surprising ways.
- ❖ “No word from God will ever fail.”
- ❖ Mary shows us how to respond to God — with trust and obedience.

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Luke series:

- I. The Launch: 1:1-9:50
- II. The Teachings: 9:51-19:44
- III. The Passion: 19:45-24:53

Luke's major themes:

- ❖ The Gospel for all
- ❖ History
- ❖ Prayer
- ❖ Money
- ❖ Salvation



Luke 1:1-25

- ❖ The Bible is rooted in history and geography.
- ❖ Israel's promised Messiah is the Savior of the world.
- ❖ The Lord reverses the fortunes of his people.
- ❖ God answers prayers, often in unexpected ways.



Luke 1:26-27

In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary.

Nazareth Jerusalem

at the time of
the birth of
Jesus



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Jesus



GREAT SEA
(The Mediterranean)

SIDON

TYRE

CAPERNAUM

Galilee

NAZARETH

Samaria

SHILOH

Judea

JERUSALEM

DAMASCUS

Syria

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GALILEE

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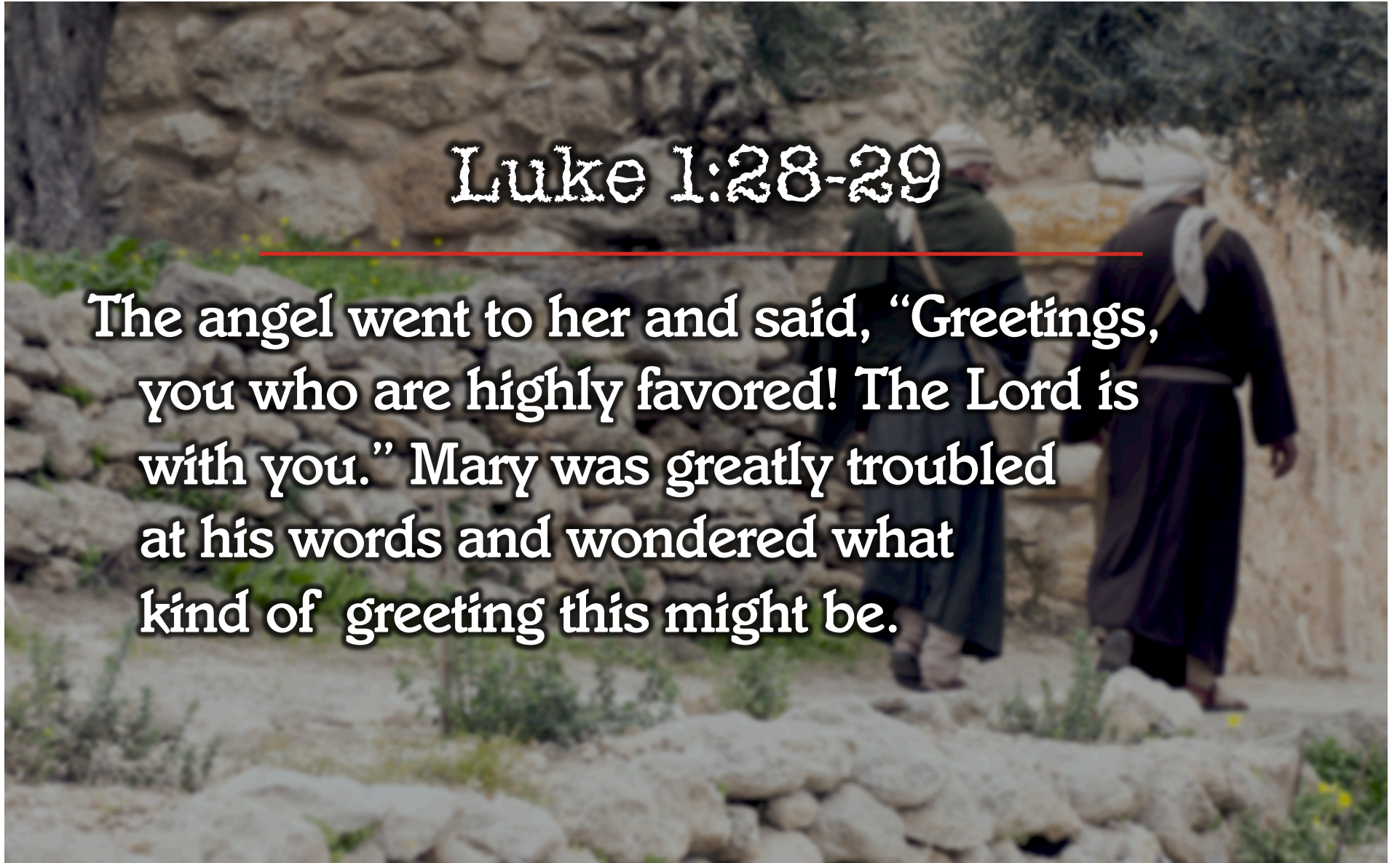
JERICHO

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REFLECTING CHRIST'S LOVE

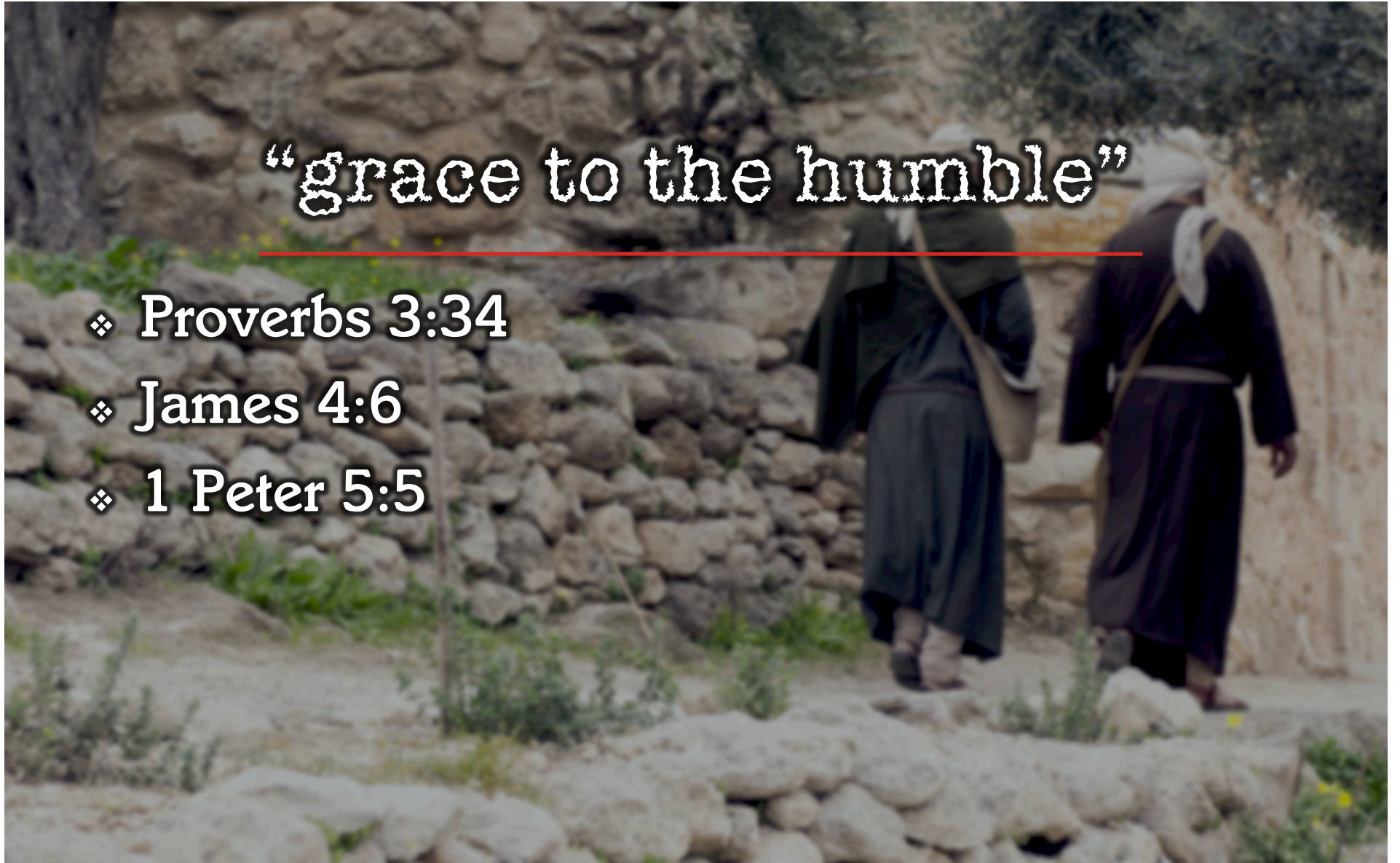
Luke 1:28-29

The angel went to her and said, “Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you.” Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be.



“grace to the humble”

- ❖ Proverbs 3:34
- ❖ James 4:6
- ❖ 1 Peter 5:5



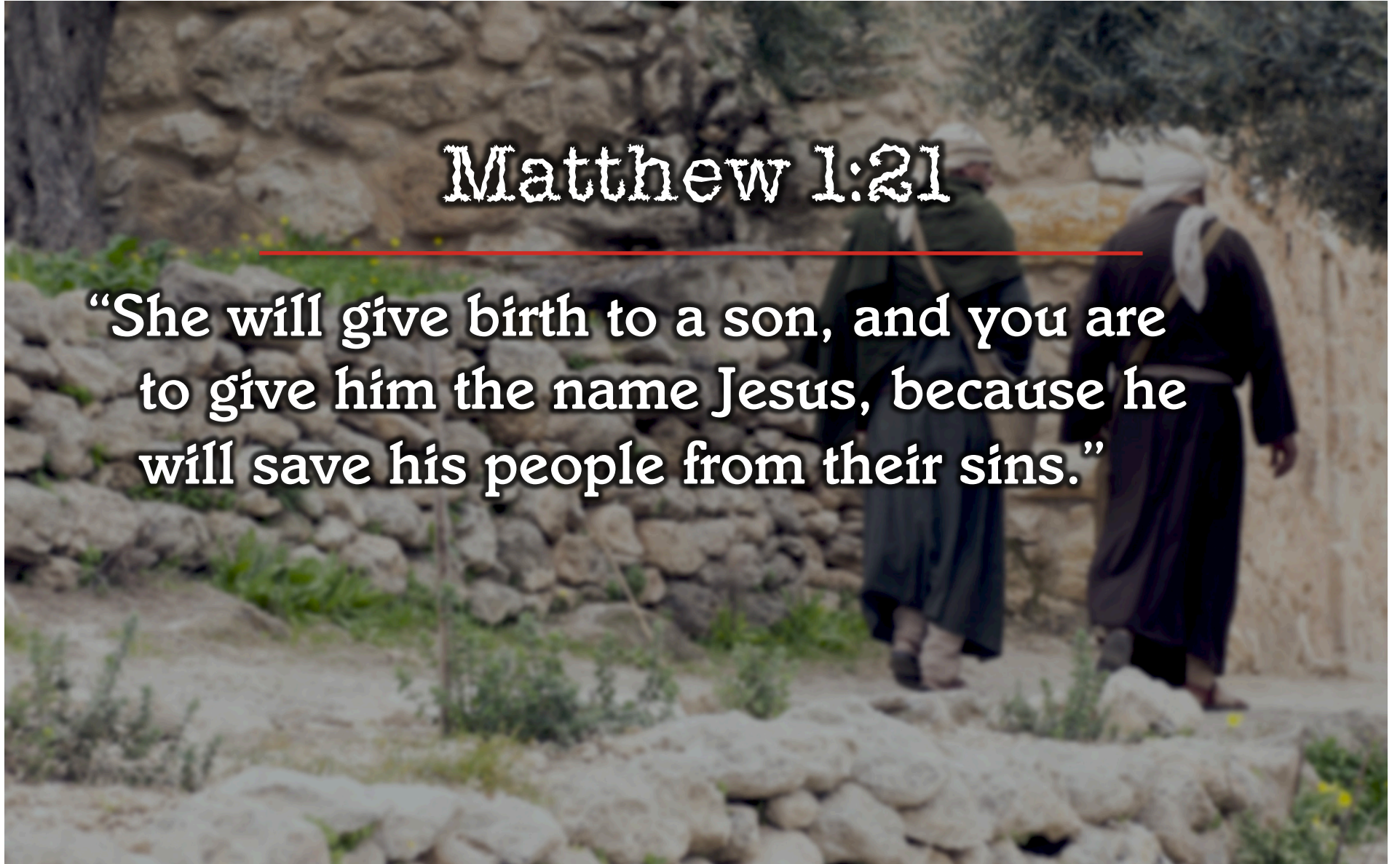


Luke 1:30-31

But the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus.”

Matthew 1:21

“She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”



Luke 1:32-33

“He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob’s descendants forever; his kingdom will never end.”

Davidic covenant:

- ❖ 2 Samuel 7:11-16
- ❖ Psalm 2:7
- ❖ Psalm 89:27-29
- ❖ Isaiah 9:6-7
- ❖ Isaiah 55:3-5



2 Samuel 7:11-12

[Nathan to David]: “The LORD declares to you that the LORD himself will establish a house for you: When your days are over and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, your own flesh and blood, and I will establish his kingdom.”

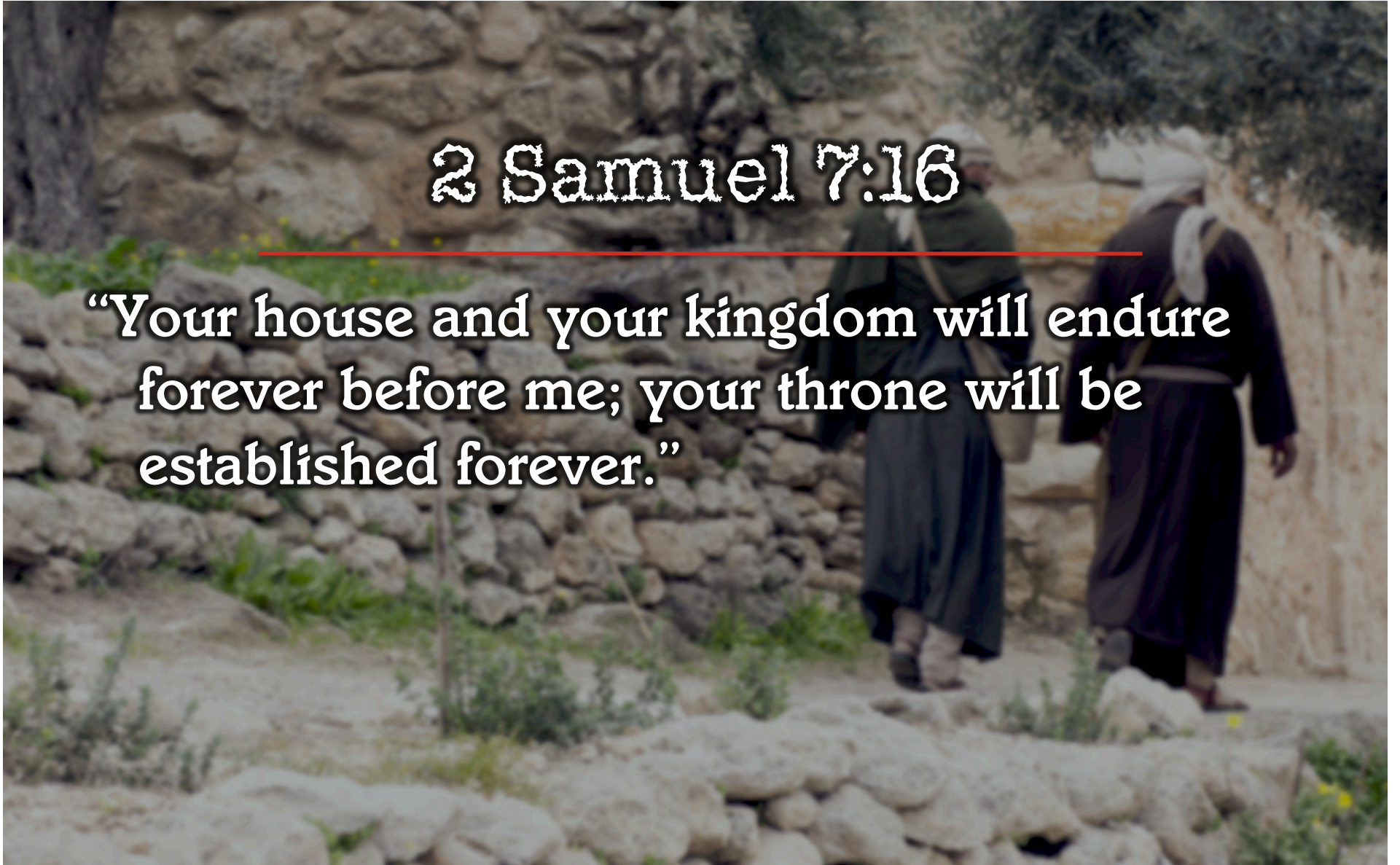
A photograph of two men in traditional, dark-colored robes and white head coverings walking away from the camera on a rocky, uneven path. The path is bordered by a low stone wall on the left and a taller, more substantial stone wall on the right. The background shows more of the stone wall and some greenery. The overall scene is outdoors and appears to be in a rural or historical setting.

2 Samuel 7:13

“He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.”

2 Samuel 7:16

“Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever.”



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Your son:

- ❖ Will be great
- ❖ Will be called the Son of the Most High
- ❖ Will be given the throne of David
- ❖ Will reign forever



Daniel 7:13

“In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence.

The background of the slide is a photograph of a stone wall. Two people, dressed in traditional, dark-colored clothing and head coverings, are walking away from the camera along a path that runs along the base of the wall. The scene is outdoors, with some greenery visible at the bottom of the frame.

Daniel 7:14

“He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.”

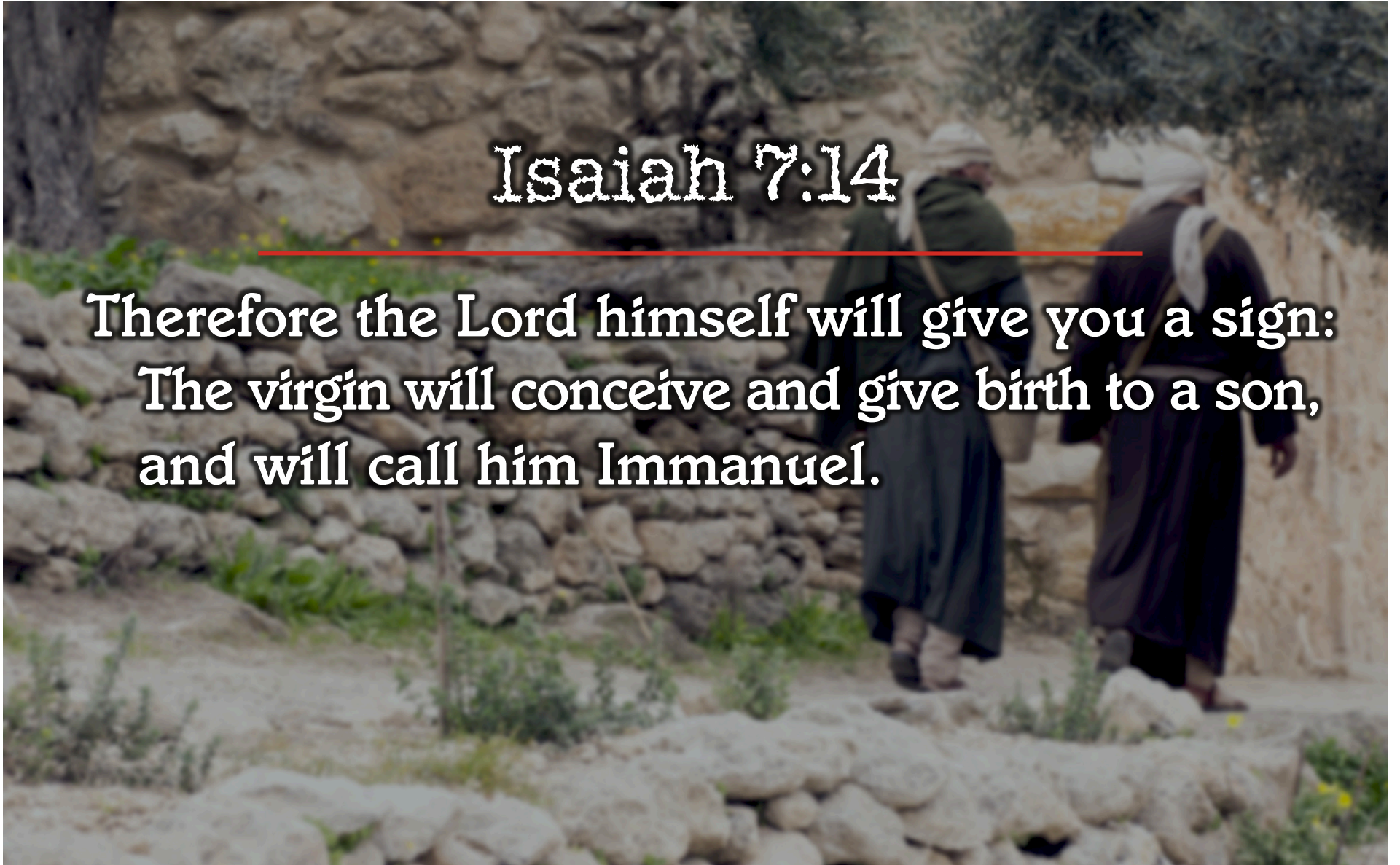
The background of the slide is a photograph of a stone wall. Two people, likely men, are walking away from the camera on a path. They are wearing traditional, dark-colored clothing and head coverings. The scene is outdoors, with some greenery visible at the bottom.

Luke 1:34-35

“How will this be,” Mary asked the angel,
“since I am a virgin?” The angel answered,
“The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the
power of the Most High will overshadow you.
So the holy one to be born will be called
the Son of God.”

Isaiah 7:14

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign:
The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son,
and will call him Immanuel.





Luke 1:36-37

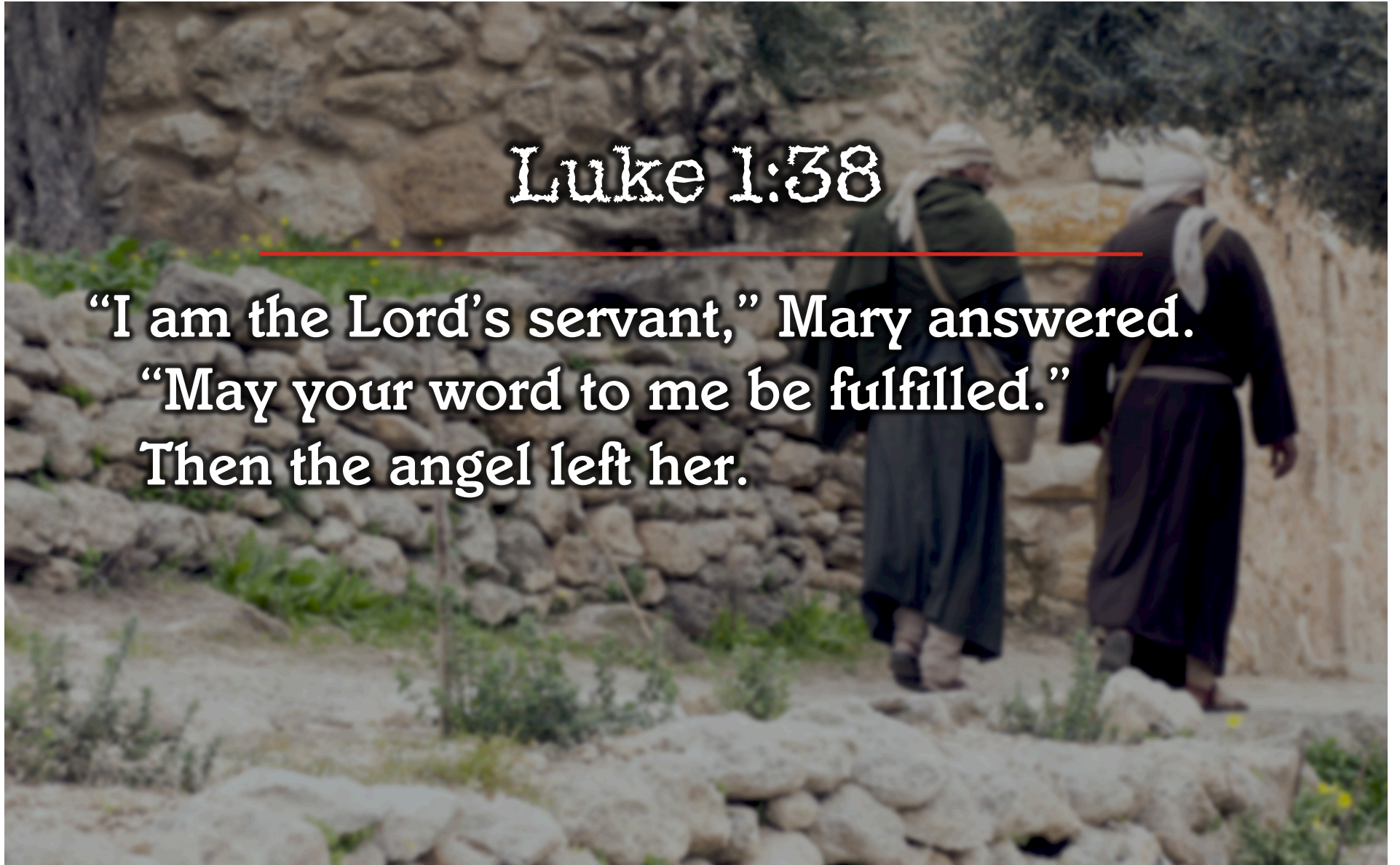
“Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. For no word from God will ever fail.”

Genesis 18:13-14

“Then the LORD said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Will I really have a child, now that I am old?’ Is anything too hard for the LORD? I will return to you at the appointed time next year, and Sarah will have a son.”

Luke 1:38

“I am the Lord’s servant,” Mary answered.
“May your word to me be fulfilled.”
Then the angel left her.



The Lord's servant:

- ❖ Joshua (Judges 2:8)
- ❖ David (Psalm 35:1)
- ❖ Israel (Isaiah 41:8-9; 44:21; 49:1-7)



Similarities:

- ❖ Surprise birth announced by Gabriel.
- ❖ “Don’t be afraid.”
- ❖ Gabriel announced the baby’s name.
- ❖ a question
- ❖ a sign



Luke 1-2

- ❖ Gabriel and Zechariah (1:5-25)
- ❖ Gabriel and Mary (1:26-38)
- ❖ Mary's song (1:39-56)
- ❖ Birth of John the Baptist (1:57-66)
- ❖ Zechariah's song (1:67-80)
- ❖ Birth of Jesus (2:1-7)

Differences

Zechariah

- ❖ Father
- ❖ Jerusalem
- ❖ Priest

Mary

- ❖ Mother
- ❖ Nazareth
- ❖ Teenage girl

Differences

Zechariah

- ❖ “great in the sight of the Lord”
- ❖ Old and barren = unlikely
- ❖ “How can I be sure?”

Mary

- ❖ “great”
- ❖ Virgin = impossible
- ❖ “How will this be?”

2 Corinthians 8:9

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.

What have we learned?

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Are you being called?

- ❖ To receive Christ
- ❖ To become a member of Melbourne Community Church
- ❖ To pray / to receive prayer
- ❖ To affirm or reaffirm a commitment
- ❖ To receive the Lord's Supper