

Introduction

- What is the main thrust of this morning's passage?

i God the Father

- What did God promise to David in **2 Samuel 7:12–16**?
- What was it like for God's people in 900BC?
- And in 700BC?
- And in 550BC?
- And in 500BC?
- And in 300BC?
- And in 25BC?
- What is significant about the fact that God sends Gabriel in **v26**?
- Is there a parallel today?
- What matters about that fact that God sends Gabriel to an unknown woman called Mary in an insignificant place called Nazareth in **v26–27**?
- What does that mean to you?
- In **v28–37**, Gabriel explains to Mary what is going to happen. She is going to give birth to God's promised Messiah. Why does it matter that, in **v37**, Gabriel stresses that "**nothing is impossible with God**"?
- What does that mean to you?

ii God the Son

- How many years have passed since God's promise to David in **2 Samuel 7:12–16**?
- What three things do we learn about the Messiah from Gabriel's words in **v30–33**?
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 - (ii)
 - (iii)
- Why does it emphasise the greatness of the Lord Jesus Christ that Gabriel says that "**his kingdom will never end**" in **v33**?
- What does that mean to you?
- Gabriel establishes the greatness of our Lord here. But what does the manner of his coming show about how God views true greatness?
- Is there anything you need to change to reflect this?

iii God the Holy Spirit

- What does **v35** teach about the Holy Spirit's rôle in the conception of the Lord Jesus Christ?
- What does it mean when Gabriel says to Mary that “**the power of the Most High will overshadow you**”?
- What else does the Holy Spirit do with regard to our salvation?
- How, then, should we regard him?

Conclusion

- What is Mary's response to Gabriel's words in **v38**?
- What can Christians learn from that?
- What can non-Christians learn from that?