

Study Guide: Let Him

Luke 1:26–38

Big Idea: Because Jesus is truly God, we must let Him be who He is and respond with wholehearted surrender.

Discussion Starter

Describe a time when God asked you to trust Him before giving you all the details.

Read the Passage

Read Luke 1:26–38 together.

I. Luke Defines the Deity of Jesus (Luke 1:26–33, 35)

Read Verses 31–33, 35

Observation Questions

1. What names and titles does Gabriel give to Jesus?
2. What does Gabriel say Jesus will accomplish?
3. What does Gabriel say about the duration of His kingdom?
4. How does Gabriel describe Jesus in verse 35?

Discussion Questions

1. Why is it important to know who Jesus is before discussing what He does?
2. How do people commonly redefine Jesus today?
3. Why do people prefer a Jesus who serves their agenda rather than one who rules their life?
4. What is the danger of creating a Jesus in our own image?

Digging Deeper

Megas (μέγας) — "Great" (v. 32)

- Describes greatness that belongs inherently to Jesus.
- John was great before the Lord.
- Jesus is simply great.

Read:

- Isaiah 9:6–7
- John 1:1–3
- Colossians 1:15–17
- Hebrews 1:1–3

Application: *Are there areas where you prefer a Jesus who comforts you rather than a Jesus who commands you?*

II. Luke Defends the Deity of Jesus (Luke 1:34–37)

Read Verses 34–37

Observation Questions

1. What question does Mary ask Gabriel?
2. How does Gabriel explain the virgin conception?
3. What role does the Holy Spirit play?
4. What statement does Gabriel make in verse 37?

Discussion Questions

1. Why is the virgin birth essential to Christianity?
2. Why do many people struggle with supernatural claims in Scripture?
3. How does our culture elevate feelings above truth?
4. What is the difference between understanding God completely and trusting God completely?

Digging Deeper

Episkiazō (ἐπισκιάζω) — "Overshadow" (v. 35)

- Used to describe the presence and power of God.
- Connects to the glory cloud over the tabernacle.
- Emphasizes God's direct action in the conception of Christ.

Read:

- Exodus 40:34–35
- Matthew 17:5
- John 14:6
- Romans 3:23–26

Application: *What truth from Scripture do you struggle to trust simply because you cannot fully explain it?*

III. Luke Demonstrates the Proper Response to Jesus (Luke 1:38)

Read Verse 38

Observation Questions

1. How does Mary describe herself?
2. What does Mary say after Gabriel's announcement?
3. What does Luke record immediately after Mary's response?

Discussion Questions

1. What does genuine surrender look like?
2. Why do people often resist God's authority?
3. What costs might Mary have considered before saying yes?
4. How does Joseph's response in Matthew 1 reinforce Mary's example?

Digging Deeper

Doulē (**δούλη**) — "Servant" (v. 38)

- Female form of *doulos*.
- Refers to a bondservant completely submitted to a master.

Genoito (**γένοιτο**) — "Let it be"

- A willing embrace of God's will.
- Not reluctant compliance.
- Joyful submission rooted in trust.

Read:

- Matthew 1:18–25
- Romans 12:1–2
- Philippians 2:5–11
- James 4:7–10

Application: *What is one area of your life where God may be calling you to stop controlling and start surrendering?*

Gospel Connection

The heart of Christianity is not merely Mary's surrender. The heart of Christianity is Jesus' mission. The holy Son of God entered our world through a miraculous conception, lived a sinless life, died for sinners, and rose from the grave.

The One Mary carried in her womb would one day carry our sins to the cross.

Read:

- John 1:14
- Romans 5:6–8
- 2 Corinthians 5:21
- Romans 10:9–13

Discuss: *How does Jesus' identity as both fully God and fully man make Him the perfect Savior?*

Weekly Challenge

This week:

1. Identify one area where you have been trying to control what belongs to God.
2. Read Luke 1:26–38 every day and highlight what it teaches about Jesus.
3. Pray Mary's words each morning: "Let it be to me according to Your word."
4. Share with someone one way God is teaching you to trust His authority more fully.

Key Truth to Remember: *The safest place in the world is not in control of your life—it is surrendered to the Lordship of Jesus Christ.*