

# Message Notes

**Dawn nearing: Jesus' birth announcement!**

# Scripture Passages

*(taken from the New International Version)*

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Malachi 4:1-2, 5-6 / Luke 1:14-17

## Today's Message

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*The birth announcement of Jesus Christ!*

Luke 1:26-38

**Gabriel's second announcement**

Luke 1:26a

*Ways this is similar to the first announcement*

*Ways that it is different*

**Let's meet Mary**

Luke 1:26b-27

*The location:* Nazareth of Galilee

*The procreative status:* A virgin (Isaiah 7:14)

*The marital status:* pledged to be married

*The fella:* Joseph - a descendant of David

*Her name:* Mary

**Gabriel's greeting**

Luke 1:28

**Mary's reaction**

Luke 1:29

*How do we know that she "wondered what kind of greeting this might be"*

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## Malachi 4:2, 5-6

<sup>2</sup>“But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings. And you will go out and leap like calves released from the stall...

<sup>5</sup>“See, I will send you the prophet Elijah before that great and dreadful day of the LORD comes. <sup>6</sup>He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers; or else I will come and strike the land with a curse.”

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**LUKE**

## Luke 1:11-17

<sup>11</sup>Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. <sup>12</sup>When Zechariah saw him, he was startled and was gripped with fear. <sup>13</sup>But the angel said to him: “Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to call him John.

## Luke 1:14-17

<sup>14</sup>He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice because of his birth, <sup>15</sup>for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He is never to take wine or other fermented drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit even before he is born. <sup>16</sup>He will bring back many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God.

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<sup>17</sup>And he will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous – to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.”

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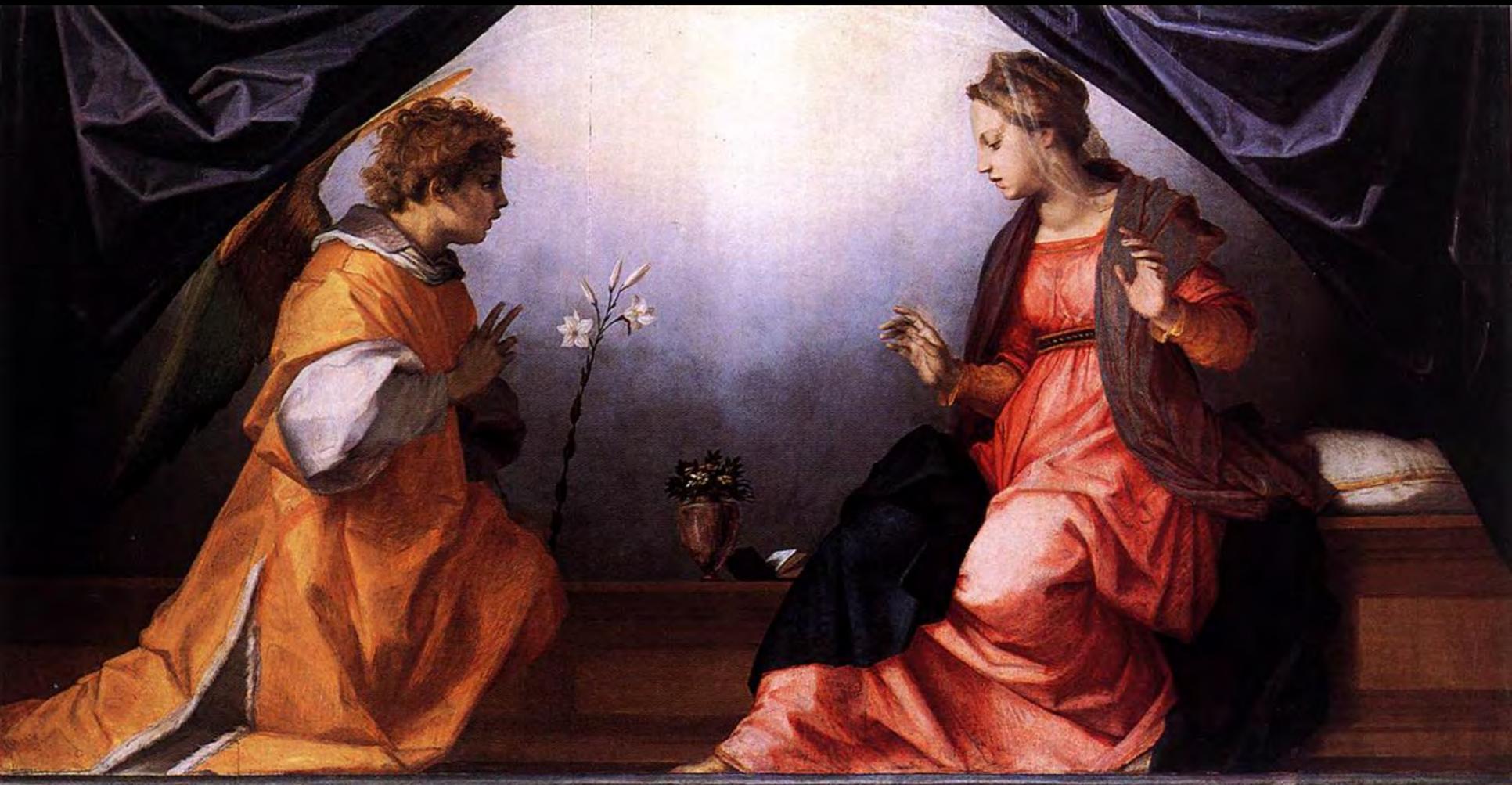
**ANDREA DEL SARTO**

*The Annunciation*

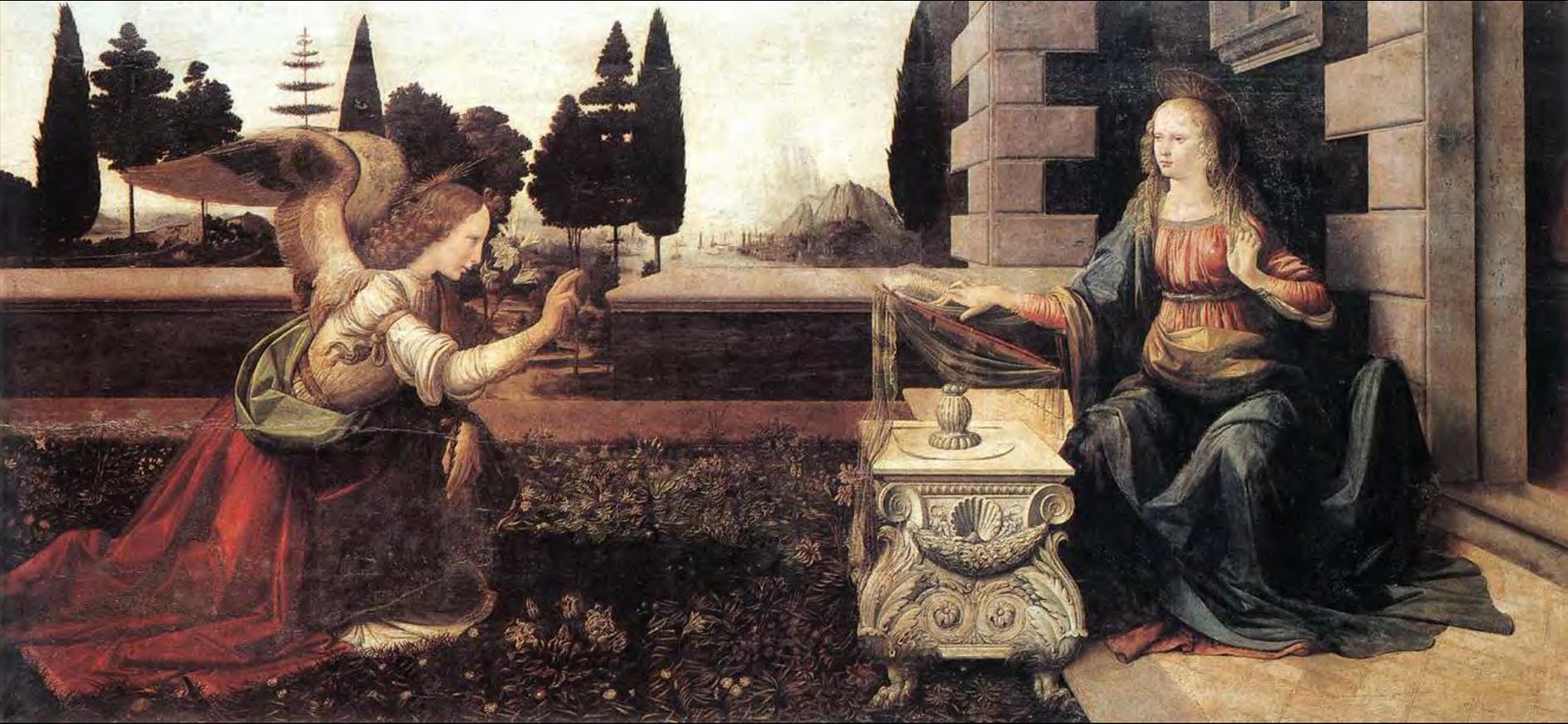
1512-13

Oil on wood, 183 x 184 cm

Galleria Palatina (Palazzo Pitti), Florence



**ANDREA DEL SARTO** – Annunciation c. 1528, Oil on wood, 96 x 189 cm, Galleria Palatina (Palazzo Pitti), Florence



**Leonardo da Vinci - *The Annunciation* (1472-1475) Oil and Tempera on wood, 78 x 219 cm Florence Uffizi**



**CLEVE, Joos van**

**The Annunciation**

c. 1525

Oil on panel, 86 x 80 cm

Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York



**Rossetti, Dante Gabriel** *Ecce Ancilla Domini!* (*The Annunciation*) 1849-50, Oil on canvas, 28 1/8 x 16 1/2 in, Tate Gallery, London

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“will bear you a son” (v 13)

“and you will name him” (v 13)

“he will be great” (v 15)

“said to the angel” (v 18)

“and *replying*, the angel

said to him” (v 19)

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## *Luke 1:28–38*

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A Jewish girl would normally be pledged to be married at about twelve years old, and married about one year after that. Mary would therefore be in her early teens at this time, in striking contrast with the age of her relative Elizabeth, “well advanced in years” (1:7). Nazareth was a small, obscure hill village (cf. John 1:46) in the northern province of Galilee, far from the capital city of Jerusalem in Judea. In contrast with Gabriel’s visit to Zechariah in the Jerusalem temple, therefore, he is now visiting a person of no social significance, even though her fiancé was of Davidic descent.



~ R. T. France, *Luke*, ed. Mark L. Strauss and John H. Walton, Teach the Text Commentary Series (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books, 2013), 14.

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“The setting for the Annunciation drew amazement from first-century Jewish readers because Gabriel ignored Judea, the heartland of God’s work through the centuries, and came to Galilee, a land that was the subject of abiding Jewish contempt because of its mongrelized population. Even more, the angel not only bypassed Judea for Galilee, but the city of Jerusalem for the village of Nazareth. Nazareth was a “non-place.” It was not even mentioned in the Old Testament or in Josephus’ writings or in the rabbinical writings (either Talmudic or midrashic). It wasn’t until 1962 that a pre-Christian mention of Nazareth was found at Caesarea Maritima. The later prominence of the town is a result of the Christian gospel.



Nazareth, a shoddy, corrupt halfway stop between the port cities of Tyre and Sidon, was overrun by Gentiles and Roman soldiers. When guileless, straight-talking Nathaniel mentioned Nazareth, he said, “ ‘Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?’ ” (John 1:46), implying that it was miserably corrupt. By consensus, Nazareth was not much. Of course, in skipping Judea and Jerusalem, Gabriel also ignored the temple, the most holy place in Israel, and entered the lowly home of Mary, which certainly was not much.”



~ R. Kent Hughes, *Luke: That You May Know the Truth*, Preaching the Word  
(Wheaton, IL: Crossway Books, 1998), 28-30.

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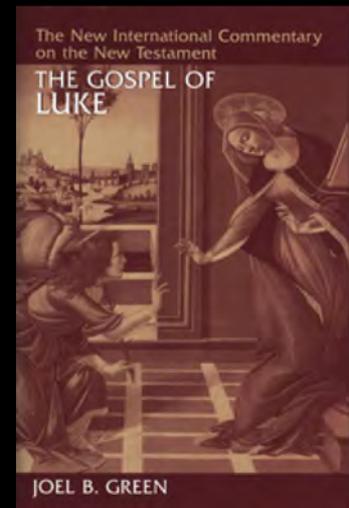
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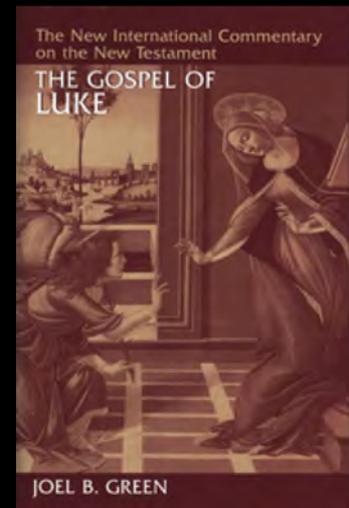
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According to contemporary Roman law, the minimum age of marriage for girls was 12 (for boys, 14), with the minimum age for betrothal set by Augustus at 10 (Rawson, "Roman Family," 21). Jewish practices were comparable, so that marriage for a female usually took place before she reached 12½ years of age. This was advantageous for

her husband, who thus received the benefits of her service over a longer period of time, but also for the girl's father. Practically speaking, he was able more easily to guarantee his daughter's purity (i.e., virginity) if he could arrange for her to be married by the time she reached puberty.



A marriage was constituted by the drawing up of a deed, the exchange of money to the groom (i.e., the “bride price”), and sexual intercourse. Earlier practices apparently made no distinction between betrothal and marriage, but before the first century B.C.E. a time lapse of some twelve months had become common. Consequently, a deed of betrothal and the bride-price were exchanged at betrothal, after which bride and groom were legally joined and could be separated only by death or divorce. During this betrothal period, the daughter remained in her father’s house and under his control.

The marriage itself was marked by intercourse between the betrothed couple. See Archer, *Her Price Is beyond Rubies*, 151–71; Loewe, *Women in Judaism*, 22–23. “Betrothal” is thus quite distinct from “engagement” in the modern sense of the word.



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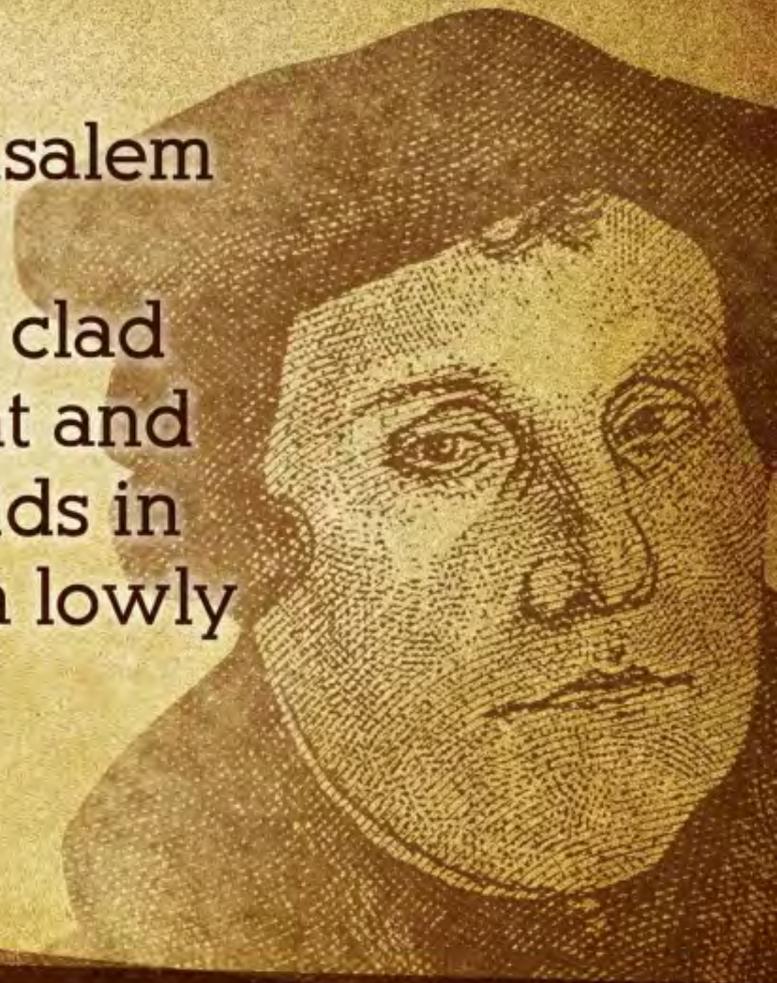
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**MARTIN LUTHER**



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