

# Mary: a woman for All Seasons

## How do you see you?

Successful, talented, faithful, energetic?  
A flop, tired, useless, condemned, friendless?  
(Rom 8:1) There is now **NO** condemnation..



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**Luke 1:26** God  
sent the angel  
*Gabriel* to  
**Nazareth**,  
a town in  
Galilee

***Gabriel**- Angelic deliverer of important messages.  
Four times in Bible. Dan 8:16; 9:21; Lk 1:19, 26.*

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Roman Empire had a population of perhaps 75 million people.

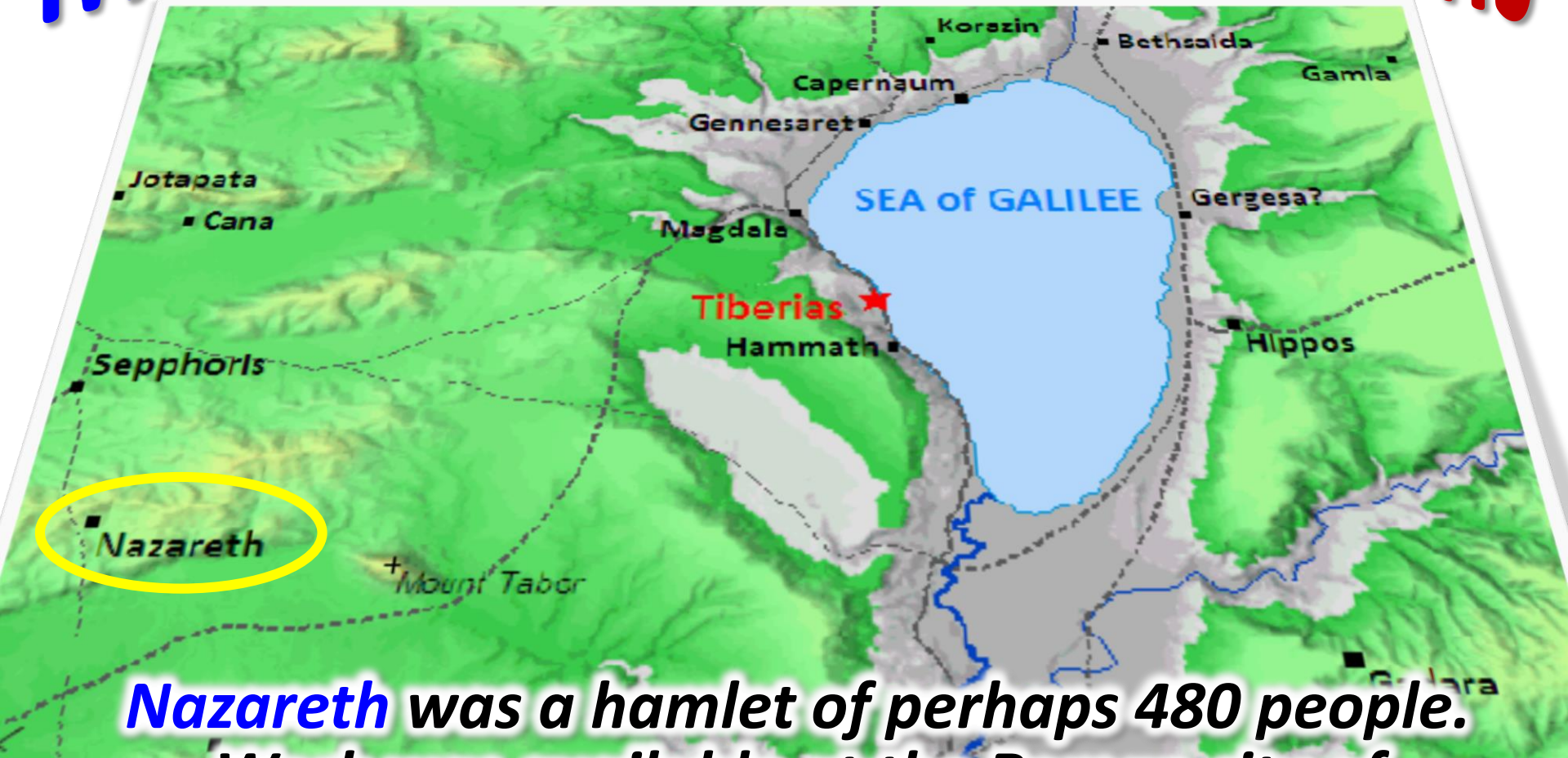
NOW—can  
God use  
YOU?  
2 Tim  
2:21

Nazareth

God chose a virtually *unknown* girl, in an *obscure village* in a *remote* Roman province.



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**Nazareth** was a hamlet of perhaps 480 people.  
Work was available at the Roman city of  
Sepphoris' building boom, 5 miles north.



**Roman Sepphoris in Galilee had colonnaded,  
Covered shopping avenues, Villas, Baths,  
Government buildings & Amphitheaters.  
Here Joseph would have likely worked.**



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**Nazareth** – (Mary's home) was a small village.  
Population estimated at 480 people.



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**Nazareth** – Mary's home was remote, rural & quiet in northern Palestine.

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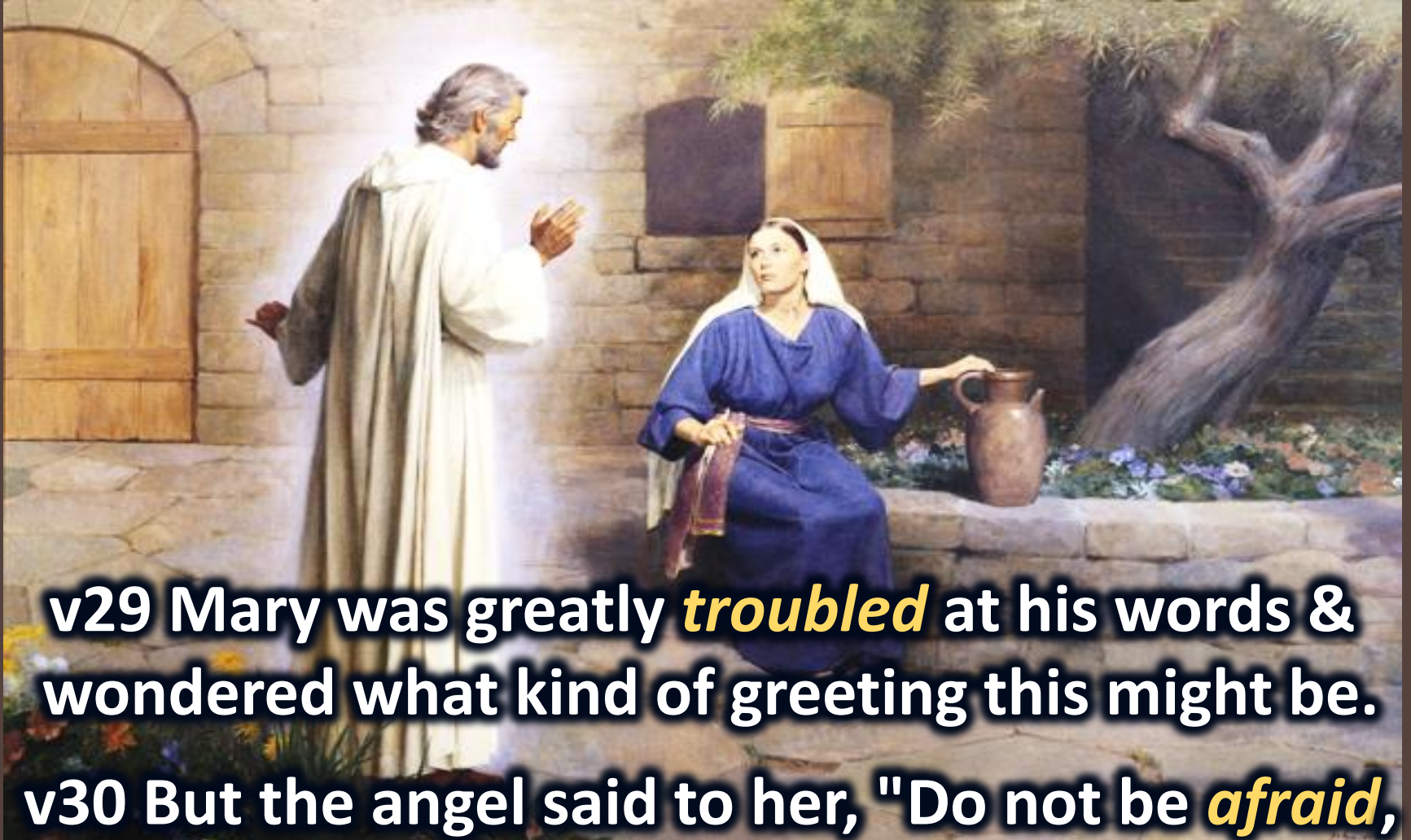
v27 to **a virgin pledged** to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was **Mary**. *NIV*

*Betrothed; More legally binding than an engagement, usually lasting a year.*

*Some guess Mary was 15 & Joseph 18 or so because marital age was very young then.*



Luke 1:28 The angel went to her & said, "***Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you.***"

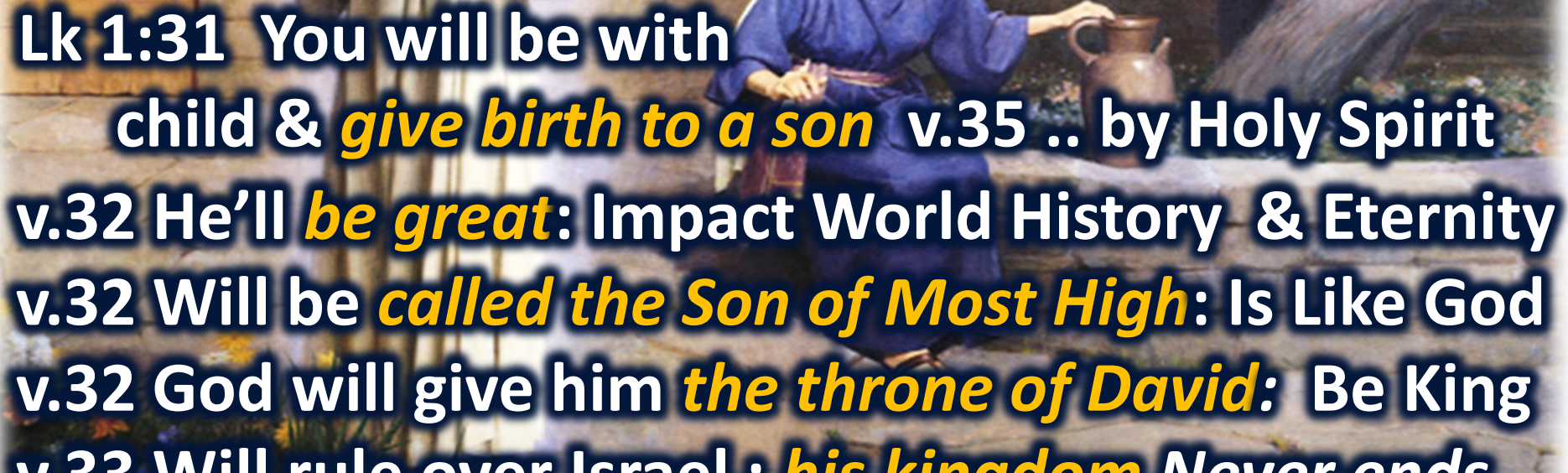


v29 Mary was greatly ***troubled*** at his words & wondered what kind of greeting this might be.  
v30 But the angel said to her, "Do not be ***afraid***,  
***Mary, you have found favor with God.***" NIV<sup>9</sup>



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## 5 Promises of God



Lk 1:31 You will be with  
child & **give birth to a son** v.35 .. by Holy Spirit  
v.32 He'll **be great**: Impact World History & Eternity  
v.32 Will be **called the Son of Most High**: Is Like God  
v.32 God will give him **the throne of David**: Be King  
v.33 Will rule over Israel ; **his kingdom** Never ends



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Luke 1:38 "I am the Lord's **Servant**," Mary answered.

"**May it be to me as you have said.**" Then the angel left her. *NIV*



**Dedicated:** I am the Lord's **Servant**.

**Obedient:** May it be to me **as you have said**.

**Courageous:** It changes **her life**, Josephs, folks, ours

**You change people's lives:** You give courage, lift up build up, restore, inspire, save. Jude 22-23; Heb 10:24

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## She is Very Spiritual



Woman of  
*Faith* Lk 1:45

She *quotes*  
*her Bible*  
9 times at  
Eliz' home  
Lk 1:46-55

She was poor, yet *sacrificial* (Luke 2:24)  
Sacrifice of pigeons shows her *poverty* (Lev 12:8).



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Balanced: Take the good with the bad



**Luke 2:34** Simeon said to Mary, "This child is destined to cause the **falling and rising of many** in Israel, & **to be a sign that will be spoken against.** <sup>35</sup> So that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And **a sword will pierce your own soul too.**" NIV

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She had incredible *perseverance*



Under **1,000 miles**  
by donkey w/ child.



**How could she?**  
How could **she not?**



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Acts 1:12-13 Then they returned to Jerusalem

<sup>14</sup> They all joined together constantly *in prayer*, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.



<sup>15</sup> In those days Peter stood up among the believers a group numbering about a hundred and twenty *NIV*

Her son killed 2 mo ago & she still meets w/saints.

Obstacles Can't Stop You  
Problems Can't Stop You  
Most of All  
Other People Can't Stop You

The Only One Who Stops You  
is Yourself





# *Run with Perseverance Heb 12:1*

*Mary was:*

*Dedicated*

*Obedient*

*Courageous*

*Spiritual*

*Balanced*

*Persevering*

