

# Favor with God (The Virgin Birth)

Luke 1:26-38

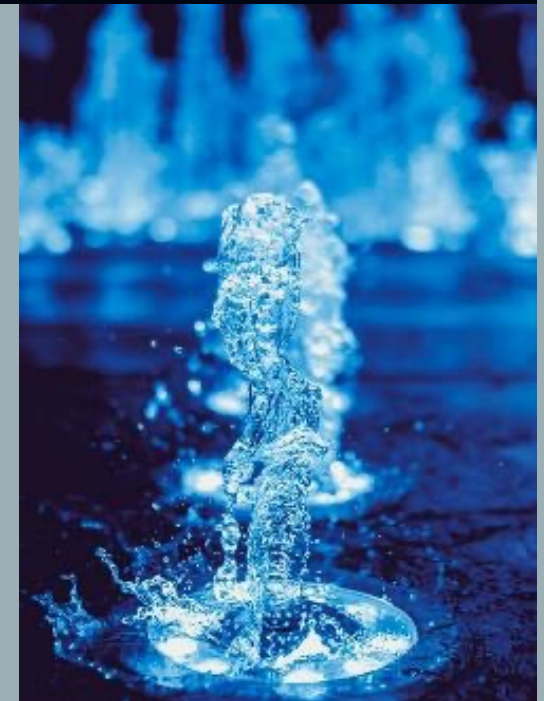
## THE MIRACLES OF JESUS

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**West Side Story**

**Dec 10<sup>th</sup>**



**The Kings Man**

**Dec 22<sup>nd</sup>**



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# SPIDER-MAN

*No Way Home*

IN CINEMAS  
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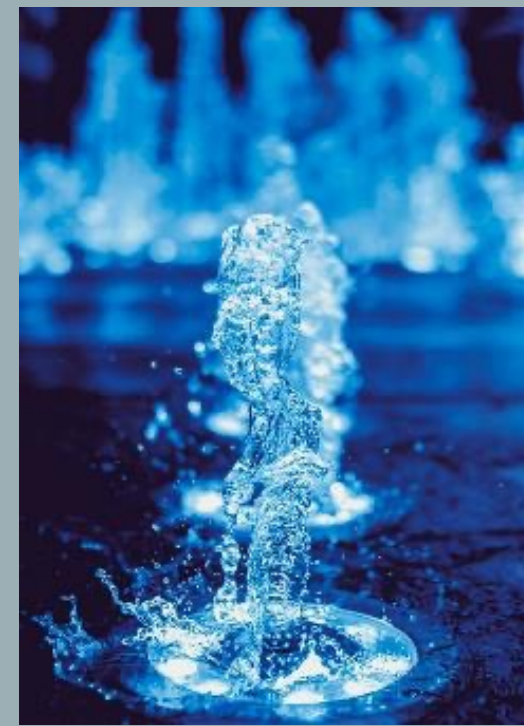


## ***Annunciation***

Earliest known work of Leonardo da Vinci

**Luke 1:26-38**

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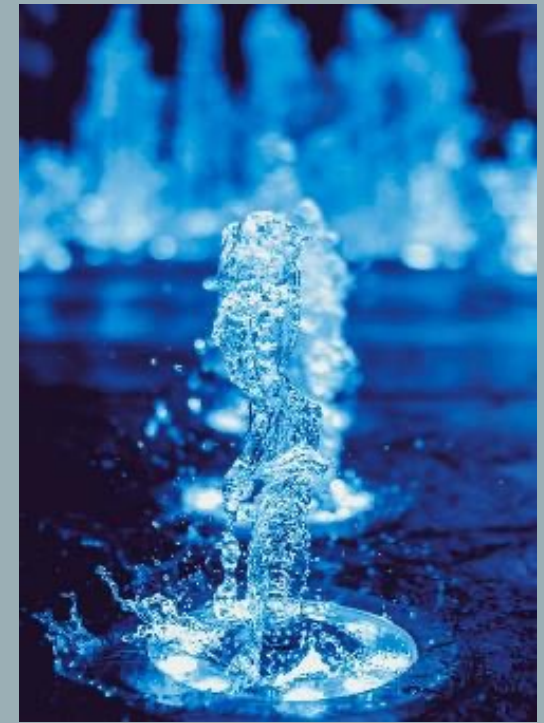
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John 6:1-15

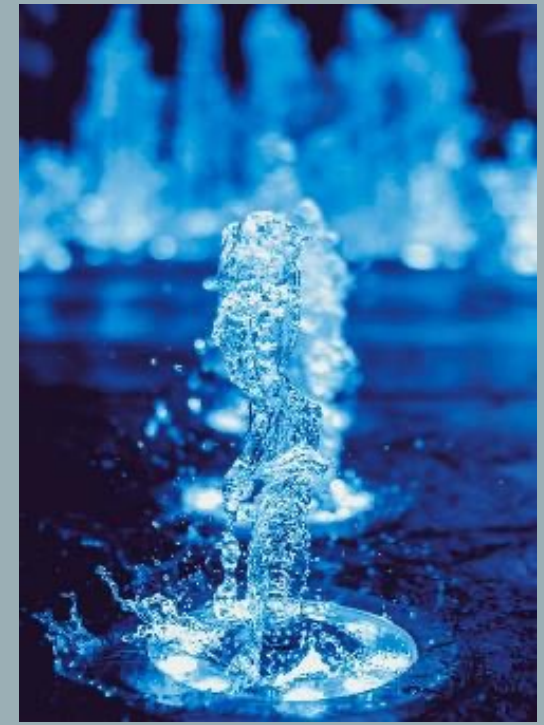
John 2:1-11

Luke 5:1-11

Luke 1:26-38



# A MIRACLE ABOUT JESUS



JESUS PERFORMED **MANY OTHER SIGNS**  
IN THE PRESENCE OF HIS DISCIPLES,  
WHICH ARE NOT RECORDED IN THIS BOOK.  
BUT THESE ARE WRITTEN THAT YOU

**MAY BELIEVE**

THAT JESUS IS **THE MESSIAH,**

**THE SON OF GOD,**

AND THAT **BY BELIEVING** YOU MAY

**HAVE LIFE IN HIS NAME.**

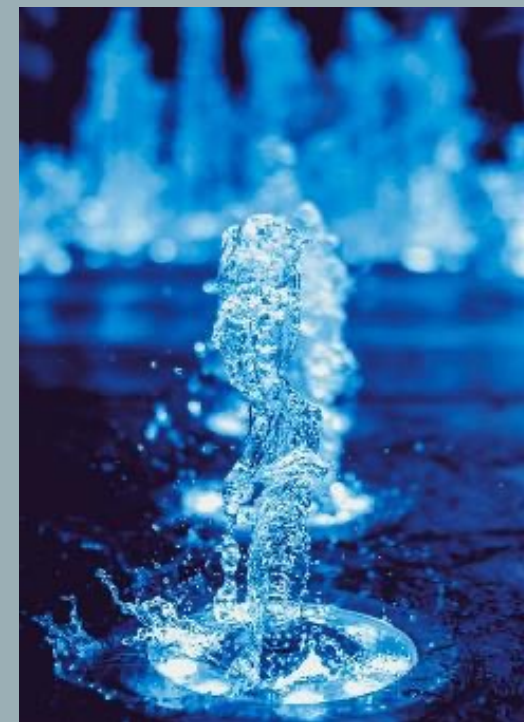
JOHN 20:30-31

## Luke 1:1-4 Introduction

<sup>1</sup> Many people have set out to write accounts about the events that have been fulfilled among us. <sup>2</sup> They used the eyewitness reports circulating among us from the early disciples. <sup>3</sup> Having carefully investigated everything from the beginning, I also have decided to write an accurate account for you, most honorable Theophilus,

**<sup>4</sup> so you can be certain of the truth of everything you were taught.**

GOD DOES THE  
IMPOSSIBLE





**God did the impossible:**

by bringing the son of God to earth in a virgin womb to become the Son of David who rules an eternal kingdom.

**Luke 1:26-38**

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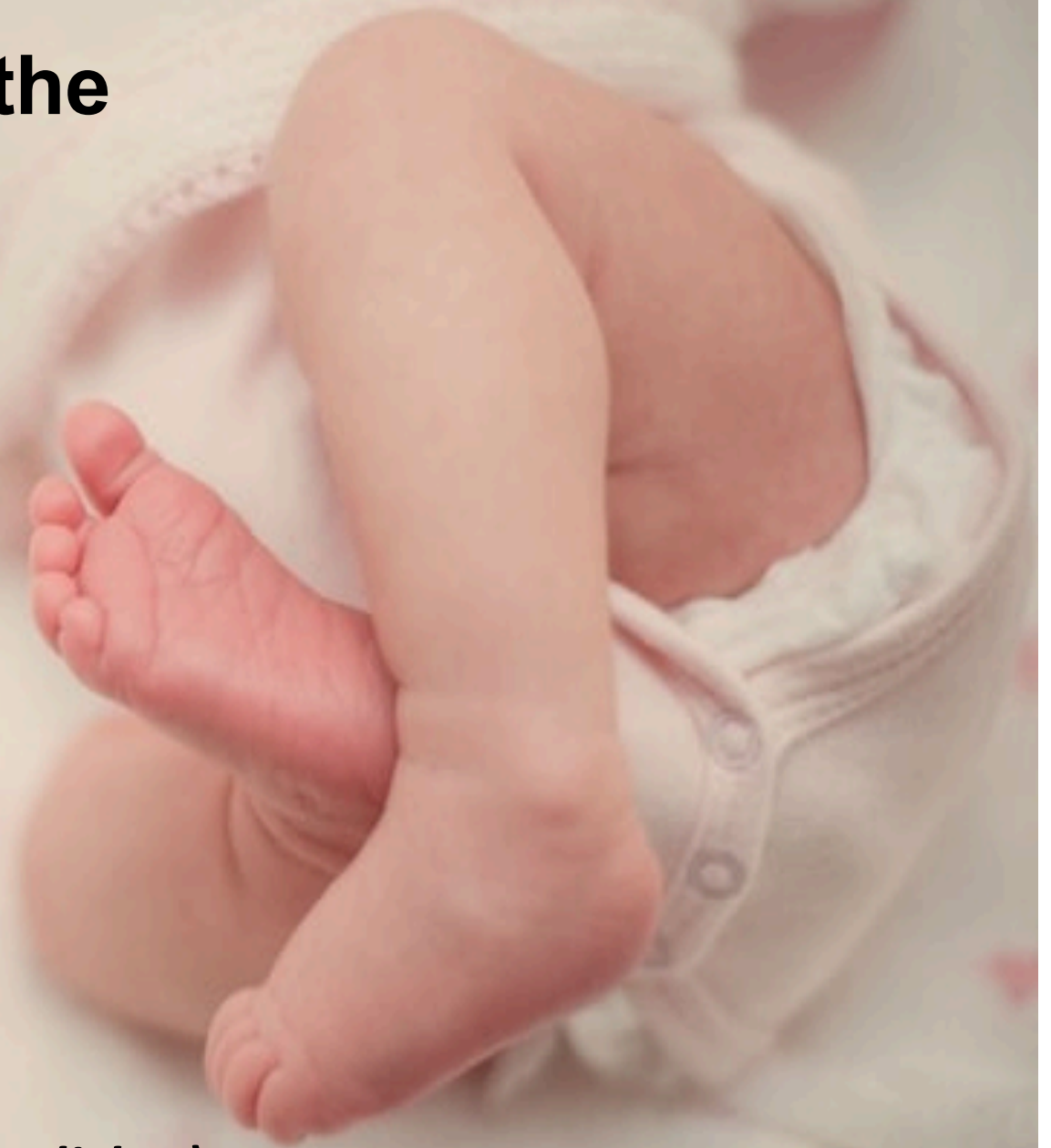
- Both descended from Aaron (Priest)
- Had no children
- Both were righteous and feared the Lord
- “When Elizabeth conceived, she hid herself in seclusion for six months, and she would not speak to anyone, because she was afraid to obey the Lord’s command. (Luke 1:6)
- Zechariah was told by the angel Gabriel that his wife Elizabeth would have a son.

**Retelling of  
an old Story**

obey  
:6)

# Barren Women in the Old Testament

- Sarah
- Rebekah
- Rachel
- Hannah
- Mother of Samson
- the Shunammite,  
*(an acolyte of the prophet Elisha )*



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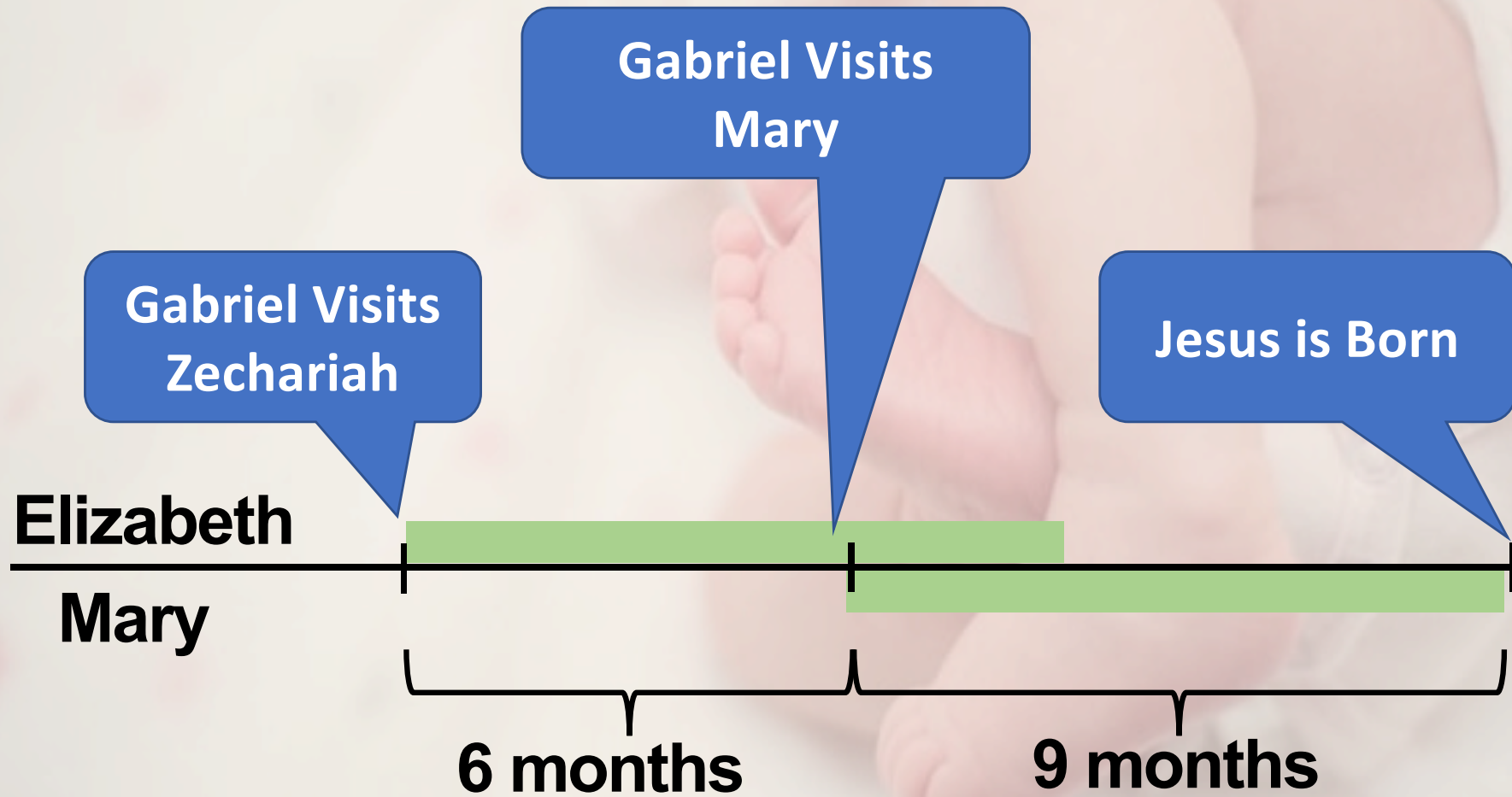
- **Was troubled**
- **Angel explained**
- **Asked for a sign (i.e. didn't believe)**
- **Made mute**
- **Elizabeth became pregnant**

# Luke

## 1:26-38

<sup>26</sup> In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a village in Galilee, <sup>27</sup> to a virgin named Mary. She was engaged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of King David.

# When was Jesus Born?



# Zechariah's Duty

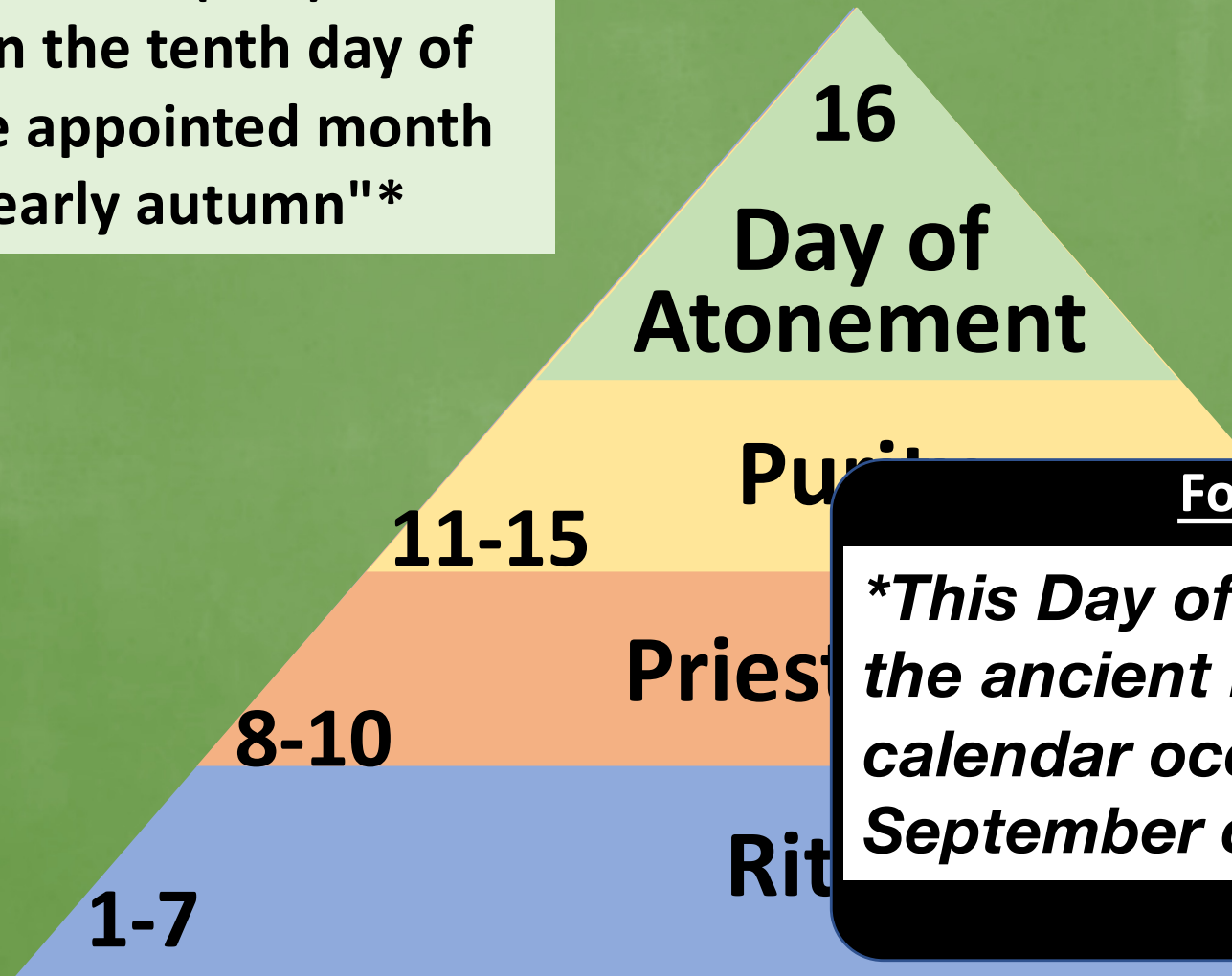
<sup>8</sup> Now while he was serving as priest before God when his division was on duty, <sup>9</sup> according to the custom of the priesthood, he was chosen by lot to enter the temple of the Lord and burn incense.

<sup>21</sup> And the people were waiting for Zechariah, and they were wondering at his delay in the temple.

# Leviticus

Lev 16:39 (NLT)

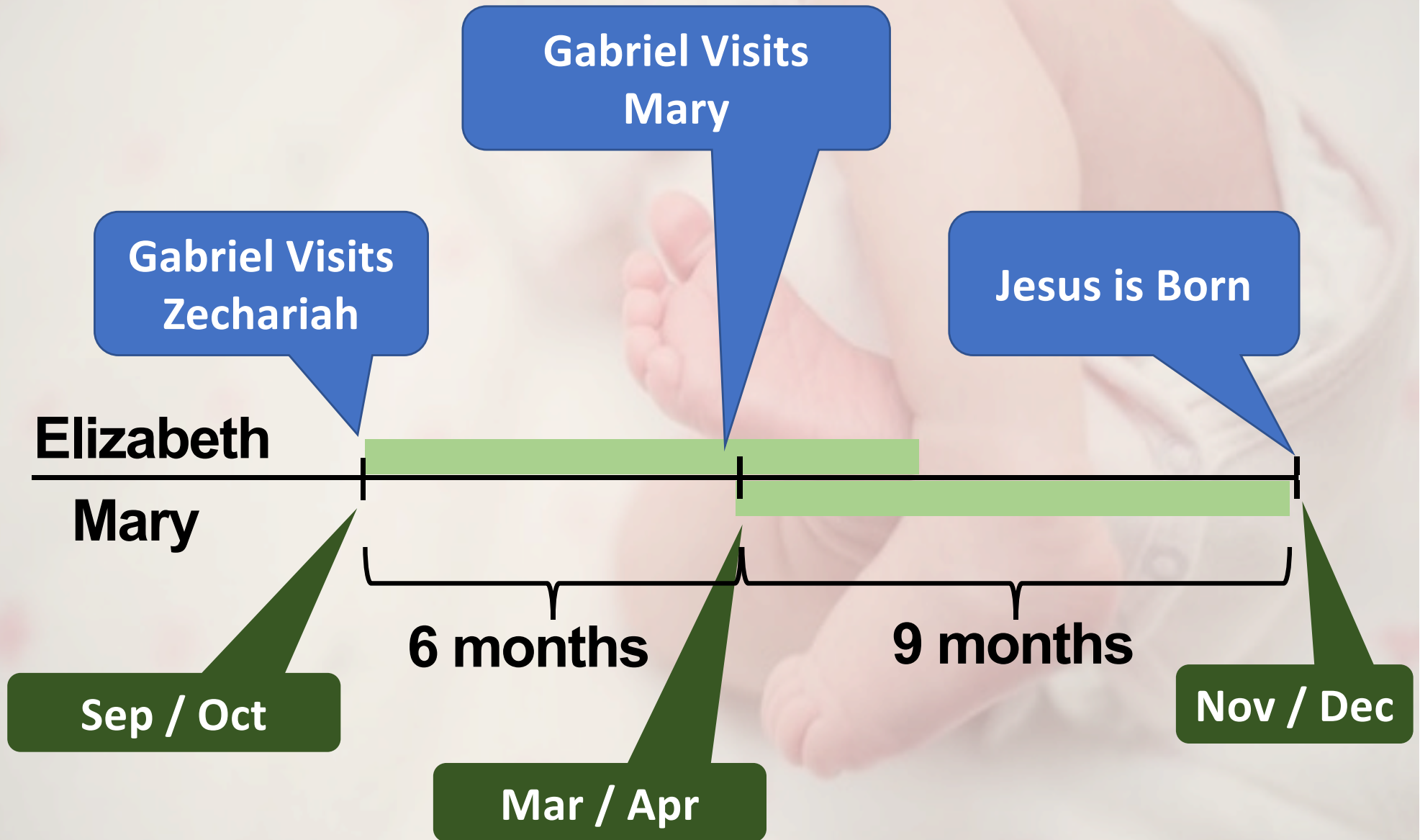
“On the tenth day of the appointed month in early autumn”\*



## Footnote

*\*This Day of Atonement in the ancient Hebrew lunar calendar occurred in September or October.*

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# The Old Testament

GENESIS  
EXODUS  
LEVITICUS  
NUMBERS  
DEUTERONOMY

## LAW

JOSHUA  
JUDGES  
RUTH  
1 SAMUEL  
2 SAMUEL  
1 KINGS  
2 KINGS  
1 CHRON  
2 CHRON  
EZRA  
NEHEMIAH  
ESTHER

## HISTORY

JOB  
PSALMS  
PROVERBS

## POETRY

ISAIAH  
JEREMIAH  
LAMENTATIONS  
EZEKIEL  
DANIEL

## MAJOR PROPHETS

Song of Solomon  
Ecclesiastes

## POETRY

HOSEA  
JOEL  
AMOS  
OBADIAH  
JONAH  
MICAH  
NAHUM  
HABAKKUK  
ZEPHANIAH  
HAGGAI  
ZECHARIAH  
MALACHI

## MINOR PROPHETS

followed by  
judgment

promise of final  
redemption

# The Old Testament

Ch 2:<sup>3</sup> But this is what the LORD says:  
“I will reward your evil with evil;  
you won’t be able to pull your neck out of the noose.  
You will no longer walk around proudly,  
for it will be a terrible time.”



**MINOR PROPHETS**

**followed by  
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# The Old Testament

Ch 2: <sup>11</sup> Suppose a prophet full of lies would say to you,  
“I’ll preach to you the joys of wine and alcohol!”  
That’s just the kind of prophet you would like!



## Warnings about False Prophets



# FALSE PROPHETS

Who are the False Prophets  
Today?



**Singapore slips from  
‘obstructed’ to ‘repressed’ in  
global civic freedoms report**

# Finland

- 
- Closed
  - Repressed
  - Obstructed
  - Narrowed
  - Open

**In Case With Global Implications, Finland Puts Christians On Trial For Their Faith**



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# Zechariah

Luke 1:12 (ESV)

Zechariah was troubled

# Mary

Luke 1:29 (ESV)

she was greatly troubled  
at the saying

Which part troubled Mary?

- a. "Greetings, favored woman!"
- b. "The Lord is with you!"

# Luke 1:26-38

<sup>30</sup> “Don’t be afraid, Mary,” the angel told her, “for you have found favor with God!”


What is the result of finding favor with God?



# Luke

## 1:26-38

<sup>30</sup> “Don’t be afraid, Mary,” the angel told her, “for you have found favor with God! <sup>31</sup> You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. <sup>32</sup> He will be very great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David. <sup>33</sup> And he will reign over Israel forever; his Kingdom will never end!”



# Mary

What is the result of finding favor with God?

the privilege of giving birth to Jesus

# Christians

What is the result of finding favor with God?

# Apostle Paul

Romans 10:15 (NLT)

And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent? That is why the Scriptures say, "How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news!"

# Prophet Isaiah

Isaiah 52:7 (NLT)

How beautiful on the mountains  
are the feet of the messenger who brings good news,  
the good news of peace and salvation,  
the news that the God of Israel reigns!

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the privilege of sharing the gospel



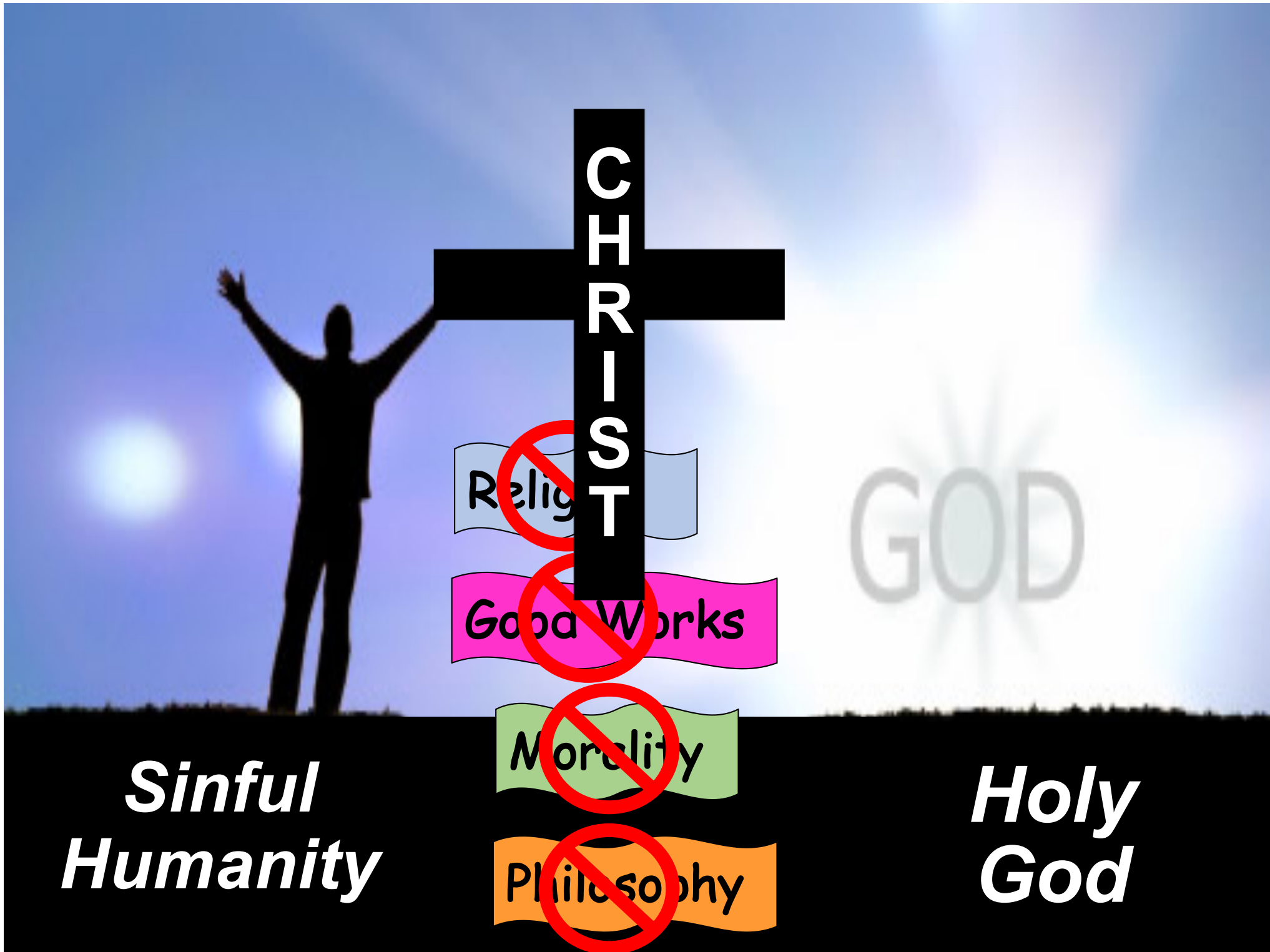
~~Religion~~

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**CHRIST**

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How does Mary find favor with God?

**Luke**  
**1:26-38**

**34** Mary asked the angel, “But how can this happen? I am a virgin.”



# Zechariah

Luke 1:18 (NLT)

Zechariah said to the angel, "How can I be sure this will happen? I'm an old man now, and my wife is also well along in years."

- asked in disbelief
- needed a sign

# Mary

Luke 1:34 (NLT)

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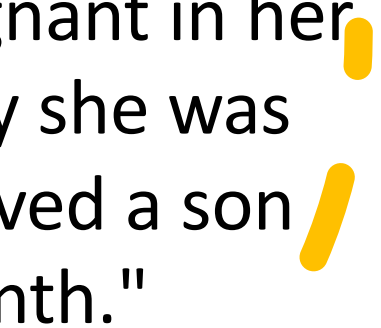
- *Asked in belief*
- *wanted to be a part of Gods plan,*
- *will be given a sign*

# Luke 1:26-38

<sup>34</sup> Mary asked the angel, “But how can this happen? I am a virgin.”

<sup>35</sup> The angel replied, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the baby to be born will be holy, and he will be called the Son of God.

<sup>36</sup> What’s more, your relative Elizabeth has become pregnant in her old age! People used to say she was barren, but she has conceived a son and is now in her sixth month.”



**Luke**  
**1:26-38**

37 "For the word of God will never fail."



**NLT**: 37 "For the word of God will never fail."

**ESV**: 37 "For nothing will be impossible with God."

**NIV**: 37 "For no word from God will ever fail."

**KJV**: 37 "For with God nothing shall be impossible."

ὅτι	οὐκ	ἀδυνατήσῃ	παρὰ	τοῦ	θεοῦ	ἑκάστου	ῥήματος
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γένοιτό	μοι	κατὰ	τὸ	ῥῆμά	σου.	
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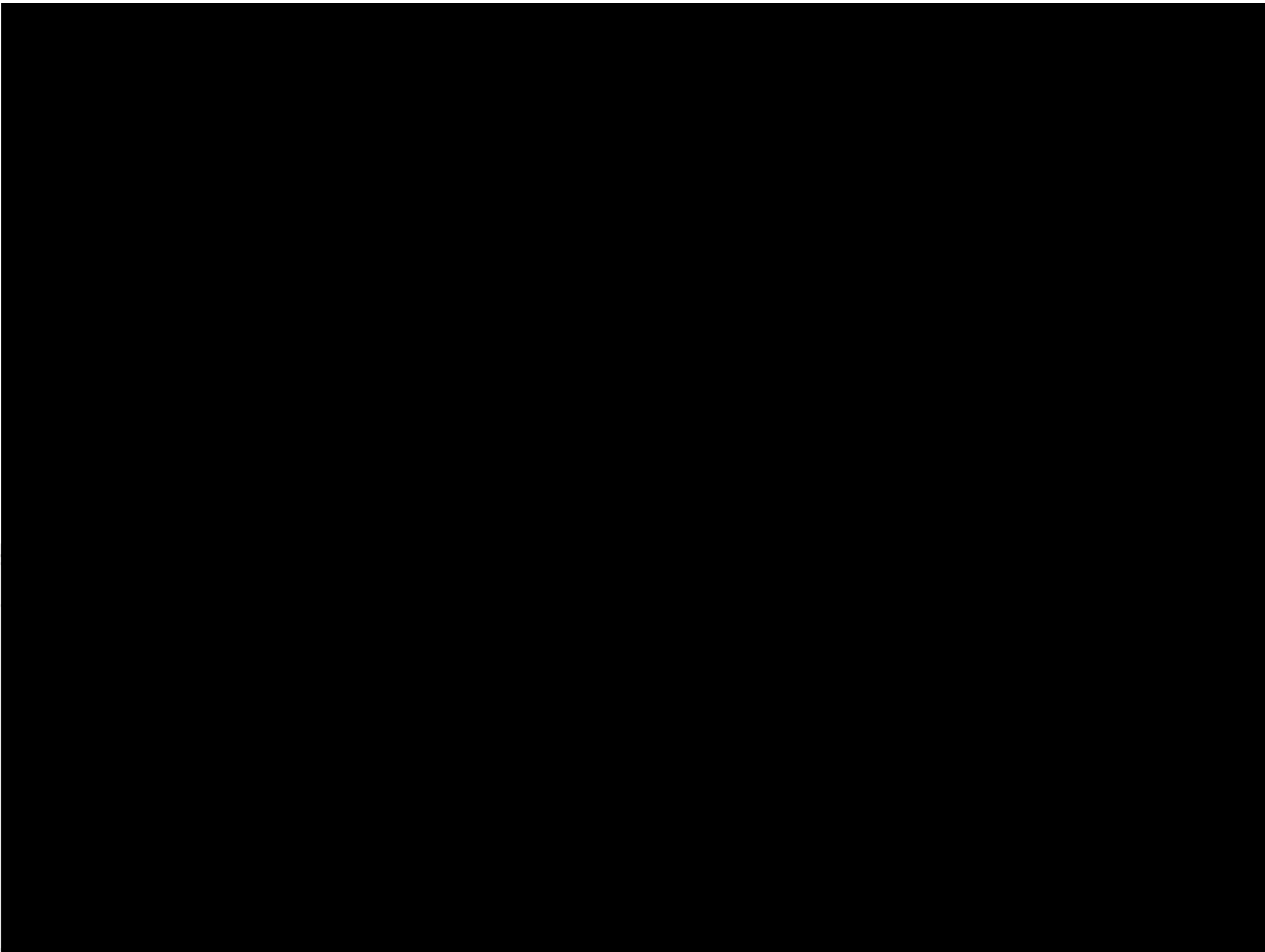
She is obedient to every word

# Christians

How can we find favor with God?

By being obedient to every word

# **Finding Favor Follows From Obedience**



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