

A landscape photograph featuring a paved road with white dashed lines leading towards a range of mountains. The sky is overcast and grey. A dark semi-transparent rectangular box is overlaid on the middle of the image, containing the title and subtitle. A thin vertical green line is positioned on the left side of the dark box.

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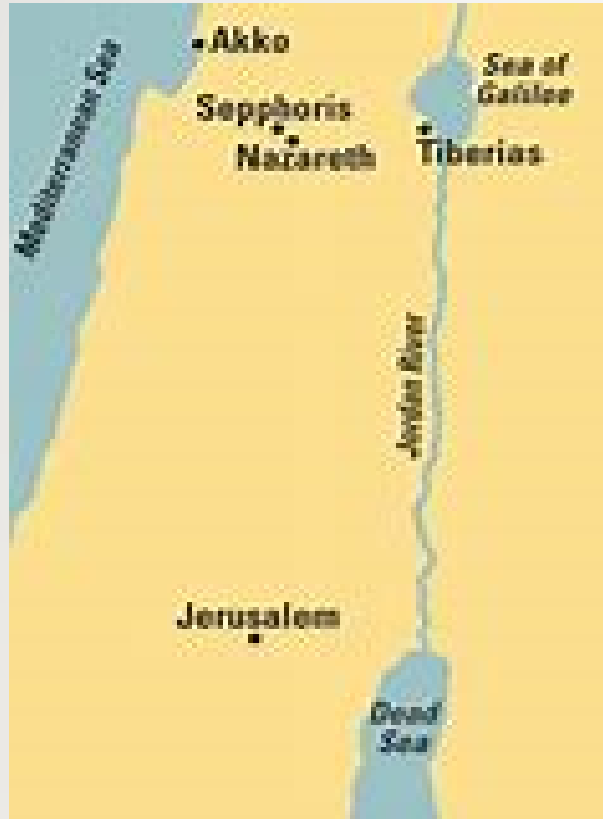
MARY OF NAZARETH



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- Hometowns
 - Where are you from?
 - Do you embrace your hometown or seek to move away from your hometown?
 - Any regional colloquialisms?

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Sources: AP, ESRI

Associated Press



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- Video
- [The Journey | Amplify Media](#)

- **Luke 1: 26 - 38**

- **The Birth of Jesus Foretold**

- In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary.
- And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.'
- Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.'
- Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

Isaiah 11: 1-4a, 6

It shall come out from the stock of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.
His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.



Church of the Annunciation





Nazareth



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- What does this teach us about the character of God?
- What do we learn about Mary
 - The angel cites the phrase, “full of grace”. What might be meant by this phrase?
- Ponder Mary’s response to the angel. Was her response an indication of resignation? Enthusiastic acceptance ? Eagerness to obey? Why or why not?