

Amazing Announcement

Luke 1:26-38

The four messages during Advent will look at the involvement of angels in the Christmas narrative. We have little knowledge about angels, but it is clear that they play a crucial and recurring role from before conception until sometime after the birth of Jesus.

A Little about Angels

Warriors, Guardians, Protectors, Ministers, Messengers

Presence or representations of God's glory (*Exodus 3:1-6*)

Not to be worshipped (*Revelation 22:8-9*)

Subservient and inferior to Jesus (*Hebrews 1*)

Only two are given names: Gabriel and Michael

Sometimes unrecognizable by us (*Hebrews 13:2*)

Appear from the beginning to the end in the Bible

We will judge them (*1 Corinthians 6:3*)

Bringing Good News

Zechariah and Elizabeth: heritage, kin and faith

Directed timing

The awesome glory of God reflected through Gabriel

The joy of God's plan

Consequences of questioning an angel

The beauty of God's fulfilled promise

Declaring God's Favor and Glorious Purpose

The unexpected oddness and wonder of God's plan

Faith drives out fear and asks wondrous questions

A glorious Trinitarian response

Elizabeth's and Mary's joy is intertwined

For young or old, nothing is impossible for God

Humbly submitting to God's word