

# Today's Praises!

- Red Rock's first preview service last Sunday = 86 total in attendance, 10 salvations!
- We have owned this for 1 year! December 19, 2014 we signed for this property (Anniversary celebrations will be coming in Feb/March 2016 at 'move in' anniversary)



# Today's Praises!

We had a group serving at the Food Bank.

They helped pack:

Bags for families of 1-3 people

2025 Families = 22356 lbs of food

Bags for families of 4-6 people

1915 Families = 44690 lbs of food.

# Living the Faith

**-Are you spending at least 5 minutes a day at least 5 days a week reading your Bible?**

**-Have you shared your conversion story/or a God story?**

**-Are you hearing what the Spirit is saying?**

**-Did you spend some alone time with God this week?**



# Bible Trivia from Luke 1

**-What is the name of the Priest who saw an angel that told him he would have a son?**

**Zechariah**

**-What happened to Zechariah when he didn't believe the angels report?**

**He could not speak until the baby was born**



# Bible Trivia from Luke 1

-What was the name of the boy and by what name would he become known?

John (John the Baptist)

- “And he will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of \_\_\_\_\_, to turn the hearts of the parents to their children...”



# Luke 1:26-37

26 In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, 27 to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. 28 The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."



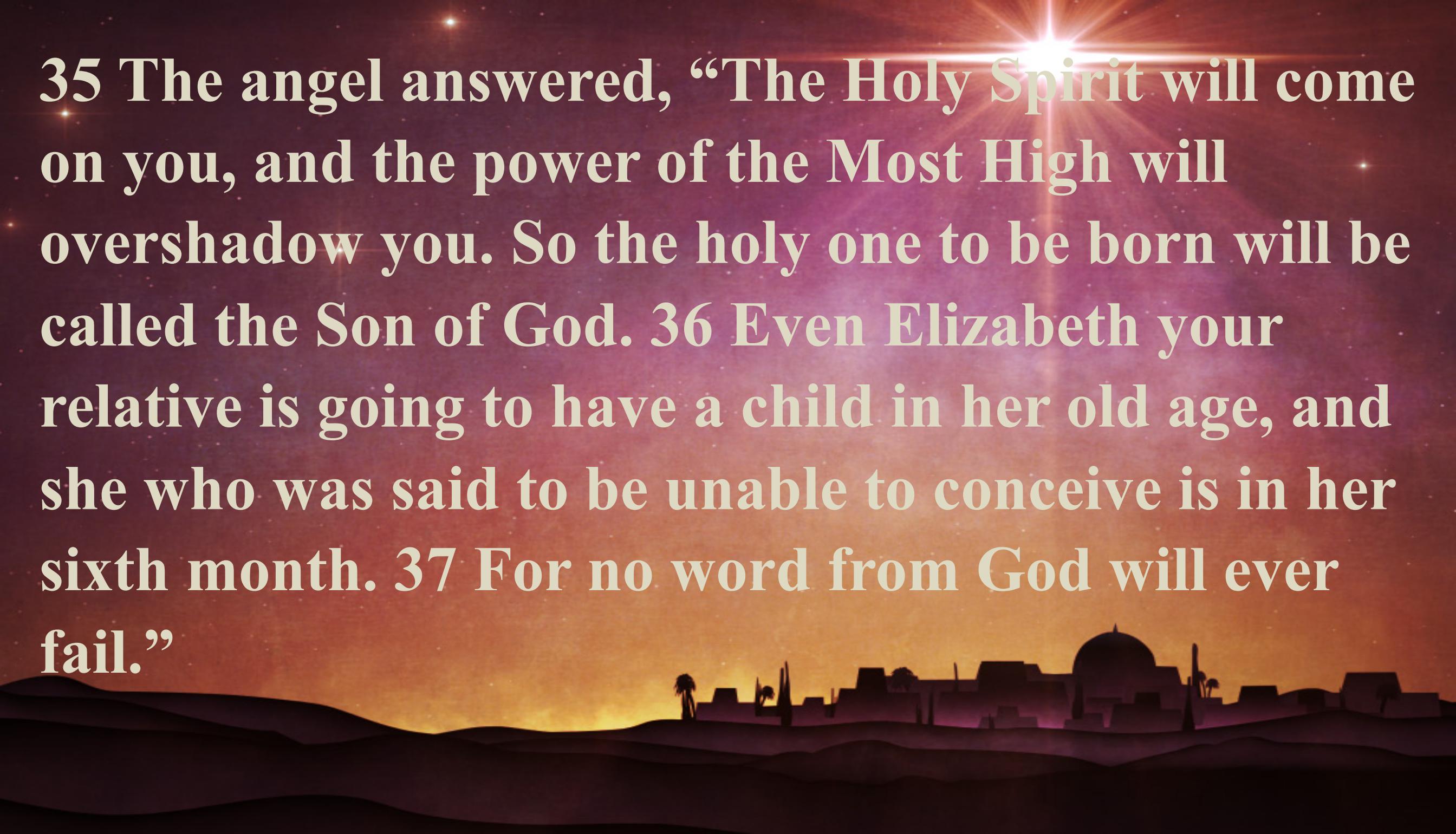
**29 Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be...  
30 But the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. 31 You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus.**



**32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, 33 and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end." 34 "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"...**



**35 The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. 36 Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. 37 For no word from God will ever fail.”**



# Christian Faith

- Everything in the Christian faith rises and falls on Jesus!
- Did Jesus truly exist? Was He more than a prophet? Did God become human? Did he truly die? Was the resurrection real?



# Christian Faith

All these (and many more) are questions that have been attacked throughout time to destroy the foundation of Christianity! Christianity is the **ONLY** faith whose God died for the people!



# Christian Faith

- News article this week...
- People are looking for **FACTS!** What is the truth? How can I believe this is true?
- I bring the article to show that there is more and more evidence to the truth **BUT** it still requires **FAITH** no matter what you believe!!



# Christian Faith

- The angel Gabriel's message to Mary included this statement:

*“37 For no word from God will ever fail.”*



- Remember last week we looked at God's promise to Abraham, 25 years later he and Sarah had a son - after Abraham & Sarah had tried to do it for Him - Isaac, the son of promise, was born!
- God had promised the Messiah through Abraham's lineage. Now, a few thousand years later (Did I mention God is NOT in a hurry?) The angel Gabriel comes to Mary and announces the fulfillment of that promise!!

*“37 For no word from God will ever fail.”*

# John 1:1-14

**1** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2** He was with God in the beginning. **3** Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. **4** In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.



**5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. 6 There was a man sent from God whose name was John...**

**7 He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. 8 He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.**



**9 The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. 10 He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. 11 He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him 12 Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God**



**13 children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. 14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.**



# John 3:16-21

**16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.**



**18 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. 19 This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil.**



**20 Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. 21 But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.**



# Action Steps

- **Do you believe in the Christ of Christmas?**
- **Do you believe God's word is truth?**
- **Have you personally stepped out of the darkness into the Light?**
- **Will you accept that God Loves You this much?!!**

