



Luke 1v35

And the angel answered 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 called holy - the **Son of God**."

Most expectant parents today in the west know whether they are going to have a boy or a girl.

Not that many years ago this was unheard of! When I had my children, we didn't have that knowledge - so each birth had the element of surprise about it. Mind you, even now, the scans are not 100% correct and couples have been known to take a baby boy home to a very pink, flowery nursery, and vice versa!

When Mary was told she was going to have a son, there was no doubt (even though there were no such things as ultrasound scans). The news had come from God Himself. Not only that, but from the very start, this child was going to be special - as Mary's own words declare; "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"

This baby would be as a result of the supernatural work of the Holy Spirit, and so He would be holy, pure and perfect in every way. He had to be, because as the Son of God, He would speak with the authority of God, His father, and ultimately, He would be the one to take away the sin of the whole world.

He commanded the forces of nature, healed the sick, deaf and blind, and raised the dead to life. Then, and Mary must have been devastated at this, He died in the most cruel and horrific way. But, of course, because He is the Son of God, He was gloriously raised to life again.

This is God's Son, who has the power to forgive sin for those who will come to God through Him.

This is the One whose birthday we celebrate - Jesus Christ - the Son of God.

