

GOD'S UNUSUAL METHODS / *Luke 1:13*

One of the best ways to understand God's willingness to communicate to people is to note the various methods, some of them quite unexpected, that he has used to give his message. Following is a sample of his methods and the people he contacted.

Person/Group	Method	Reference
Jacob, Zechariah, Mary, Shepherds	Angels	Genesis 32:22-32; Luke 1:13, 30; 2:10
Jacob, Joseph, a baker, a cup-bearer, Pharaoh, Isaiah, Joseph, the Magi	Dreams	Genesis 28:10-22; 37:5-10; 40:5; 41:7-8; Isaiah 1:1; Matthew 1:20; 2:12-13
Belshazzar	Writing on the wall	Daniel 5:5-9
Balaam	Talking donkey	Numbers 22:21-35
People of Israel	Pillar of cloud and fire	Exodus 13:21-22
Jonah	Being swallowed by a fish	Jonah 2
Abraham, Moses, Jesus at his baptism, Paul	Verbal	Genesis 12:1-4; Exodus 7:8; Matthew 3:13-17; Acts 18:9
Moses	Fire	Exodus 3:2
Us	God's Son	Hebrews 1:1-2