

"What Did Mary Know"  
Luke 1: 26-37, 45-55; 2:1-35  
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This Mother's Day I want to talk to you about the most highly favored mother ever. God found favor with this humble woman and gave her the greatest gift ever, to bear the Christ-child.

There is a popular song at Christmas time called; "Mary Did You Know."

The song begs the question, "What did Mary Know? She knew what she was told!

This morning let's look at three passages in the book of Luke and let's see what she was told. She could only know and believe what she was told.

1. Mary knew the Messiah would come from her and Joseph's family line, the line of David.
2. The child she would bear would come from the Holy Spirit and be God and man. He would be the Son of God, the Savior and king.
3. His name means "Jehovah saves" and he would save her, the Jews and the Gentiles.
4. The child she would deliver would deliver her from her sins.
5. She rejoiced because He would be her Savior, not just that she was chosen to give birth to the Messiah (Luke 2:11).

Her joy over what she was told caused her to break out in praise because Mary hid God's word in her heart [v. 38] and she turned it into praise.

Eight times she used the phrase, "He hath" in this psalm. Mary magnified "exalted" the Lord [v. 46]. Her great desire was to declare his greatness, to brag, and boast on Jesus.

**TT-** Mary declared a three-fold praise:

**I. Mary declared what God did for her personally [1:45-49].**

A. God saved her [v. 47].

Mary speaks of God as her Savior which refutes any attempt to make her divine. Mary was a sinner like us in need of salvation. She was not free of original sin as Catholics claim.

Note "God our Savior" Jesus is God but it is the God who sent him to the cross. God thought us, the Son bought us, and the Spirit sought us.

**Luke 11:27-28** And it came to pass, as he spake these things, a certain woman of the company lifted up her voice, and said unto him, Blessed *is* the womb that bare thee, and the paps which thou hast sucked. But he said, Yea rather, blessed *are* they that hear the word of God, and keep it.

Jesus did not deny she was blessed, but He spoke of a greater blessing. Mary was more blessed by believing in and following Jesus than giving birth to him.

**P-** Natural relationships are not as important and close as our relationship with Jesus.

B. God chose her [vv. 48-49].

He was mindful of her and looked on her with favor. She saw herself as a servant and not one to be exalted. She considered it an honor to share in God's work.

Note that Mary would not be the one who blessed but be one of the ones who are blessed [v. 48].

## **II. Mary declared what God did for other people [1:50-53].**

A. God has been merciful to 4 groups of common people.

1. God's is merciful on them that fear him [v. 50].
2. God is merciful to the helpless [v. 51].
3. God is merciful to the humble [v. 52].
4. God is merciful to the spiritual hungry [v. 53].

## **III. Mary declared what God did prophetically [1:54-55].**

A. God saved his people from their sins [v. 54].

Even though Israel rejected him, He would remember His mercy and give them grace.

**Matthew 1:21** And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

**John 1:29** The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

Have you shared the gospel? I am talking about one on one planting, cultivating and harvesting. No one is saved because they like the preacher, the people, or the church!

People are saved when they hear or read the gospel; they are convicted of their sin and Jesus, they believe and confess their sin and confess Jesus as Lord, and are converted by the Spirit.

B. God will fulfill his purposes for Israel [v. 55].

In Gen. 12:1-3 God made a covenant with Abraham and God says he will bless those who bless Israel and curse those who curse Israel. Five times in Genesis God confirms his covenant as an everlasting covenant with a seed, land, blessing, and protection.

For Mary the greatest thing about this birth would be the fact that God would fulfill His covenant promises to Abraham and his seed.

The church is not the new Israel and neither will God fulfill his promises to Israel thru the church. There will be a national restoration of ethnic Israel [Gen. 17:8; 28:15; Deut. 30:1-10; Rom. 11:25-32; Acts 1:9-11; Rev. 20].

**Con:**

We should be able to praise God for what he has done for us, what he has done for others, and what he has done for the church and will do for Israel.

**It is so sad, but the Catholic Church has perverted this humble favored virgin into somebody she is not.**

1. The teaching that Mary had an immaculate conception and was born free of original sin. Conception has to with Mary' conception being free of original sin from her birth.
2. The teaching that Mary was a perpetual virgin.
3. The teaching that Mary is deity in heaven (assumption) acting as a co-mediator.

Let's read Luke 1:28; 46-47