



What God Has Done!

Luke 1:26-55

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Mary's Story

A. The Messenger (v. 26-27)

Luke 1:26–27, NASB -²⁶ Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God...²⁷ to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the descendants of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.

B. The Message (v. 28-33)

Luke 1:31–33, NASB -³¹ “And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus.”³² “He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David;³³ and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end.”

C. The Mystery (v. 34)

Luke 1:34, NASB -³⁴ Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I am a virgin?”

D. The Method (v. 35)

Luke 1:35, NASB -³⁵ The angel answered and said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason the holy Child shall be called the Son of God.”

E. The Miracle (v. 36-37)

Luke 1:36–37, NASB -³⁶ “And behold, even your relative Elizabeth has also conceived a son in her old age; and she who was called barren is now in her sixth month.”³⁷ “For nothing will be impossible with God.”

F. The Ministry (v. 38)

Luke 1:38, NASB -³⁸ And Mary said, “Behold, the bondservant of the Lord; may it be done to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.

Mary's Song

1. Look what God has done for **Mary**. (v. 46-49)

- The Lord saved her (v. 47)
- The Lord chose her (v. 48)
- The Lord ‘highly favored’* her (v. 48; cf., 1 Cor. 1:26-28)

*“Highly Favored” [Gk: χαριτώ (*charitōō*)]

“Char-is” (is ‘Grace,’ lit., *unmerited favor*) • “ah-too” (lit., *poured upon*)

[This word is also used in Eph. 1:4-6; “...His glorious grace has been poured out on us...”]

2. Look what God has done for **Us**. (v. 50-53)

- He included all who fear Him to receive His mercy (v. 50)
- Helpless (v. 51); Humble (v. 52); and Hungry (v. 53).

3. Look what God has done for **Israel**. (v. 54-55)

- “He will save His people from their sins” (v. 21)
- He will show them mercy (v. 54)
- He will keep His covenant-promise with His Children (v. 55)

Discovering Christmas Truths

A. Following God will not always be easy.

B. Be more concerned with what God thinks, than what people think.

C. In your toughest moments, seek to honor and glorify God.

D. Faithfulness, surrender and obedience will pay spiritual dividends.

E. Yearn for God to use you in ways you could never have dreamed.

F. **“Nothing is impossible with God!”**