

Subject: *Mary, Did You Know?*

Scripture: *Luke 2:1-20*

The title of this message comes from a beautiful song written by Mark Lowry. Of all the people involved in the Christmas story, none is more important than Mary, the mother of Jesus. I want us to think about the meaning of Christmas through the heart and mind of Mary

Mary, did you know you would be blessed among women?

- **Luke 1:26-29** ²⁶ *And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, ²⁷ To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favored, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. ²⁹ And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be.*

In verse 28, “highly favored” means full of grace. Mary received grace from God in being selected as the mother of Jesus. Grace is undeserved favor.

Mary, did you know you would conceive a child by the Holy Spirit?

- **Luke 1:30-35** ³⁰ *And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. ³¹ And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. ³² He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: ³³ And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. ³⁴ Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? ³⁵ And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.*

Both Matthew and Luke state that Mary was a virgin when she conceived. Thus we speak of the virgin birth of Christ. A correct view of the atonement and the death of Christ is based on the person of Christ and a correct view of the person of Christ is based on the virgin birth of Christ. He is both God and man. He is sinless. He is holy, harmless, undefiled, and separate from sinners.

Mary, did you know you and your baby would fulfill Bible prophecy?

- **Isaiah 7:14** *Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.*
- **Matthew 1:22-23** ²² *Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, ²³ Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.*

Mary, did you know your baby would be the Son of God?

- **Luke 1:32** *He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David.*

Mary, did you know your baby would be the Savior of the world?

- **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.*

Mary, did you know you would deliver your baby in Bethlehem?

Bethlehem was the home of their forefathers. The trip from Nazareth to Bethlehem was 70 miles. It was a long and grueling trip for Mary as she was near the time of her labor and delivery. Two things came into play: God's prophecy and Caesar's decree.

- **Micah 5:2** *But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.*
- **Luke 2:4-6** ⁴ *And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)* ⁵ *To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.* ⁶ *And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.*

Mary, did you know you would lay your baby in a manger?

- **Luke 2:7** *And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.*
- **Luke 2:12** *And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.* Swaddling clothes were strips of cloth wound tightly around the baby to protect and strengthen it. A manger was a feeding trough for animals.

Mary, did you know your son would never disobey or disrespect you?

- **Luke 2:51** *And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them: but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart.*

Mary, did you know your son would be greater than all other prophets and teachers?

- **John 3:30-31** ³⁰ *He must increase, but I must decrease.* ³¹ *He that cometh from above is above all: he that is of the earth is earthly, and speaketh of the earth: he that cometh from heaven is above all.*
- **Matthew 7:28-29** ²⁸ *And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine:* ²⁹ *For he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.*

Mary, did you know your son would do many miracles?

- **Matthew 8:27** *But the men marveled, saying, What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him!*

Mary, did you know your son would suffer and die on a cross?

- **Philippians 2:8** *And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.*

Mary, did you know you would watch your son die?

- **Luke 2:34-35** ³⁴ *And Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary his mother, Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel; and for a sign which shall be spoken against; ³⁵ (Yea, a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also,) that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.*

Mary, did you know your son would rise again from the dead?

- **Matthew 28:6** *He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.*

Mary, did you know your son would ascend into heaven to sit at God's right hand?

- **Acts 1:11** *Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.*

Mary, did you know your son would return at God's appointed time?

- **1 Thessalonians 4:16-17** ¹⁶ *For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: ¹⁷ Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.*

Mary, did you know that all people would bow to your son as King of Kings?

- **Philippians 2:9-10** ⁹ *Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: ¹⁰ That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;*

Mary, did you know these things? Mary, did you know that even as the woman chosen as the mother of God's Son you would need to repent and submit to Jesus as your Lord and Savior?

No one is so bad he cannot be saved and no one is so good he need not be saved.

Romans 3:10 *As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one.*

Romans 3:23 *For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.*