

MARY'S EXCELLENT ADVENTure

Luke 1:26-55

Advent means the coming or the arrival of Jesus

²⁶ Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth,
²⁷ to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name *was* Mary

I. Mary's History

She was between 13 and 17 years of age

She was from Nazareth

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Mary's Dad was Heli

Mary had a sister

John 19:25

Now there stood by the cross of Jesus His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the *wife* of Clopas

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Mary was related to the priesthood, her cousin Elizabeth was married to Zacharias who was a priest that served in the temple at Jerusalem

She had a **fiancé** named Joseph

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Here's what we know about Joseph

Jesus is referred to as the Carpenter's son both
in Matthew and Mark

The Greek word for carpenter is Tecton which
means a craftsman and typically referred to
those who were stonemasons

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The Jewish wedding had two phases

1. The Kiddushin which was the formal engagement the betrothal which lasted for one year
2. The chuppah which was the wedding ceremony itself

Luke 1:28-36

²⁸ And having come in, the angel said to her, “Rejoice, highly favored *one*, the Lord *is* with you; blessed *are* you among women!

²⁹ But when she saw *him* she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was. ³⁰ Then the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.

Luke 1:28-36

³¹ And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS. ³² He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; 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 of His kingdom there will be no end.

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³⁴ Then Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I do not know a man?”

³⁵ And the angel answered and said to her, “*The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.*”

Luke 1:28-36

³⁶ Now indeed, Elizabeth your relative has also conceived a son in her old age; and this is now the sixth month for her who was called barren. ³⁷ For with God nothing will be impossible.”

³⁹ Now Mary arose in those days and went into the hill country with haste, to a city of Judah, ⁴⁰ and entered the house of Zacharias and greeted Elizabeth.

II. Mary's Humility

³⁸ Then Mary said, “Behold the maid servant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.

II. Mary's Humility

Mary's Prayer 46-55

My soul magnifies the Lord,

⁴⁷ And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior.

⁴⁸ For He has regarded the lowly state of His
maidservant;

⁵² He has put down the mighty from *their*
thrones,

And exalted *the* lowly

II. Mary's Humility

Mary's Prayer 46-55

Read Philippians 2:7-11 (How Jesus was humbled and then exalted by God)

III. Mary's Spirituality

Verses 46-55 is called the Magnificat

49 For He who is mighty has done great things
for me,
And holy *is* His name.

Mary had a relationship with God

III. Mary's Spirituality

There 15 quotations of the Old Testament

A part of Hannah's prayer in I Samuel 1 & 2

46 My soul magnifies the Lord

Psalm 34:2 My soul shall make its boast in the
Lord

47 My Spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior

Isaiah 45 There is no God beside me a just God
and a Savior

III. Mary's Spirituality

48 For He has regarded the lowly state of His
maid servant

I Samuel 1:11 If you will indeed look on the
affliction of your maid servant,
and remember me

III. Mary's Spirituality

48 For behold all henceforth all generations will
call me blessed

Leah's prayer in Genesis 30

Happy am I for the daughters will now call me
blessed

49 He is who is mighty has done great things for
me

Psalms 126:3 The Lord has done great things for us

III. Mary's Spirituality

49 And holy is his name

Psalm 111:9 And holy and awesome is his name

Mary knew about her own history vs. 50-55

50 He has shown strength with His arm;
He has scattered *the* proud in the imagination of
their hearts.

⁵² He has put down the mighty from *their*
thrones,
And exalted *the* lowly.

III. Mary's Spirituality

53 He has filled *the* hungry with good things,
And *the* rich He has sent away empty.

⁵⁴ He has helped His servant Israel,
In remembrance of *His* mercy,

⁵⁵ As He spoke to our fathers,
To Abraham and to his seed forever.”

IV. Mary's Necessity

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Max Lucado

You don't impress the officials of NASA with
your paper airplane

You don't boast about your crayon sketches in
the presence of Picasso

“Hey look at what I drew”

You don't claim equality with Albert Einstein
because you can write H₂O

And you don't boast about your goodness in the
presence of the perfect One