

The Baby!

Purpose: To show that, like Mary we can be excited at Christmas because a Baby was born, the Saviour of the world.

One of the most exciting things in the life of a married couple is the birth of their first child. Two weeks ago, Pastor Les spoke of the birth of John the Baptist. Today we will consider the response of Mary

Read Luke 1:46-56

Why was Mary so excited?

Because a Baby was about to be born! But not just any baby, but the Savior of the world! Here's what happened:

Mary magnifies God and rejoices in her spirit:

[Luk 1:46](#) And Mary said: "My soul magnifies the Lord,
[Luk 1:47](#) And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior.

Three reasons why she rejoiced:

Because of what He did for her (vs. 48-50)

- He regarded the lowly state of His maidservant
- Generations will call her blessed (she will have a great name)
- Mercy to those who fear him

Because of what He did, and will do, to those who oppress His people (vs. 51-53)

- Shown strength with His arm - (finger, effectiveness {Ex 8:19}; right hand – power {EX. 15:6}; holy arm – all-powerfulness {Is. 52:10})
 - Scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts
 - Put down the mighty from their thrones
 - Sent the rich away empty handed
- Because of what He did, and will do, toward Abraham and his seed
 - Helped his servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy
 - Genesis 12:1-3
 - Exalted the lowly
 - Filled the hungry with good things

Conclusion:

- Mary was excited for what God was about to do for her
- That same mercy is extended to anyone who fears God
- Mary prophesied of God's victory over all who oppressed God's people
- God will deliver us from those who fight against us
- Mary mentioned that God would keep His promise to Abraham and to His seed forever
- That promise is for us who believe today
- All because a Baby was born!

Christmas is a time for positivity and praise

The words of Mary:

[Luk 1:34](#) Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I do not know a man?"

[Luk 1:38](#) Then Mary said, "Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

Luke 1:46

[Joh 2:3](#) And when they ran out of wine, the mother of Jesus said to Him, "They have no wine."

[Joh 2:4](#) Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does your concern have to do with me? My hour has not yet come."

[Joh 2:5](#) His mother said to the servants, "Whatever He says to you, do *it*."

Where do we see Mary?

At His birth

[Mat 1:18](#) Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit.

At a wedding

[Joh 2:1](#) On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there.

At the cross:

[Joh 19:25](#) Now there stood by the cross of Jesus His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the *wife* of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene

In the upper room:

[Act 1:14](#) These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.