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CHRISTMAS MESSAGE 2012

TITLE: TWO MIRACLE MOTHERS

TEXT: LUKE 1:39-45

INTRODUCTION: (1) IN LUKE CHAPTER 1, WE HAVE THE RECORD OF TWO CONCEPTION MIRACLES, TWO MIRACLE MOTHERS, TWO WOMEN WHOM BY ALL HUMAN STANDARDS COULD NEVER HAVE CHILDREN.

\* THE FIRST MIRACLE MOTHER WAS ELIZABETH, WHO WAS BARREN AND PAST CHILD BEARING AGE IN HER SEVENTIES TO EIGHTIES.

\*\* AND TO ELIZABETH AND HER HUSBAND ZACHARIAS WAS BORN JOHN THE BAPTIST, JOHN THE BAPTIZER, THE FORERUNNER OF THE MESSIAH JESUS CHRIST.

\*\*\* THE SECOND MIRACLE MOTHER IS A YOUNG GIRL, A VIRGIN, 13-14 YEARS OLD, WHO BECAME PREGNANT BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, THE POWER OF GOD CREATING LIFE IN HER WOMB WITHOUT A MAN INVOLVED AT ALL AND HER NAME WAS MARY.

\*\*\*\* SO WE HAVE TWO MIRACLE MOTHERS TALKED ABOUT IN LUKE 1, TWO PREGNANT WOMEN.

(2) AND ONE IS OLD, MARRIED FOR MANY YEARS, CHILDLESS AND BARREN. THE OTHER IS YOUNG, HAVING NEVER BEEN MARRIED, BUT BETROTHED AND A VIRGIN. SO ONE IN HER SEVENTIES OR EIGHTIES, THE OTHER IN HER EARLY TEENS.

\* AND BOTH OF THEM WERE RELATED, THEY WERE RELATIVES, THE KJV CALLS THEM COUSINS.

\*\* AND BOTH ELIZABETH AND MARY HAD BEEN CHOSEN BY GOD TO BE THE HUMAN INSTRUMENTS FOR THE BIRTH OF TWO VERY SPECIAL MEN.

\*\*\* ONE, JOHN THE BAPTIST, THE GREATEST PROPHET WHO EVER LIVED UP UNTIL HIS TIME, AND THE OTHER, JESUS CHRIST, THE SON OF MAN, THE SON OF GOD, GOD THE SON, THE PROMISED MESSIAH AND ONLY SAVIOR.

\*\*\*\* AND GET THIS, IN BOTH CASES OF THESE MIRACULOUS CONCEPTIONS, WITH JOHN AND JESUS, THE ANGEL GABRIEL CAME TO MAKE THE ANNOUNCEMENT.

(3) IN THE FIRST CASE, THE ANGEL GABRIEL CAME TO ZACHARIAS WHO WAS THE FATHER OF JOHN THE BAPTIZER, AND ZACHARIAS RECEIVED THE MESSAGE FROM GABRIEL THAT HE AND HIS WIFE, ELIZABETH, TOGETHER WOULD CONCEIVE AND HAVE A SON WHO WOULD BE THE GREATEST PROPHET, THE FORERUNNER OF THE MESSIAH, IN LUKE 1:5-24.

\* AND THEN LATER IN LUKE 1:26-38 GABRIEL CAME TO MARY, A VIRGIN, APPROXIMATELY SIX MONTHS LATER CHRONOLOGICALLY, AND MADE THE ANNOUNCEMENT TO HER THAT SHE WOULD CONCEIVE IN HER WOMB, A SON THAT SHE WOULD NAME JESUS, WHO WOULD BE THE SON OF THE MOST HIGH.

\*\* NOW THAT BACKGROUND LEADS US TO OUR TEXT TODAY IN LUKE 1:39-45.

\*\*\* AND AS THIS PASSAGE OPENS, MARY HAD JUST RECEIVED FROM THE ANGEL GABRIEL THE MOST INCOMPREHENSIBLE, UNIMAGINABLE ASTONISHING ANNOUNCEMENT ANYBODY HAS EVER RECEIVED.

\*\*\*\* FOR THE ANNOUNCEMENT TO MARY INCREDIBLY WAS SHE WAS TO BE THE MOTHER OF THE SON OF GOD, THE MESSIAH.

**(4) AND IN LUKE 1:38, MARY'S RESPONSE WAS:  
"BEHOLD, THE BONDSLAVE OF THE LORD; MAY IT  
BE DONE TO ME ACCORDING TO YOUR WORD."  
AND THE ANGEL DEPARTED FROM HER."**

\* NOW THIS IS THE RESPONSE OF A 13 OR 14  
YEAR OLD, TRUSTING THAT GOD WOULD DO AS  
HE SAID.

\*\* AND YOU MAY BE THINKING, WHERE DID I  
COME UP WITH THE AGE? WELL, JOACHIM  
JEREMIAS, A N.T. SCHOLAR STATES "THE USUAL  
**AGE FOR A GIRL'S BETROTHAL WAS BETWEEN 12  
AND 12 1/2.**" AND AFTER BETROTHAL ANOTHER  
YEAR OR SO WOULD GO BY UNTIL THEIR  
WEDDING (FOR THE WEDDING FEAST) AND THE  
CONSUMMATION OF THEIR RELATIONSHIP. AND  
SO MARY AT A TENDER AGE OF 13 OR 14  
TRUSTED THE LORD.

\*\*\* WHICH SHOULD REMIND EVERY TEENAGE  
HERE TODAY, IF YOU KNOW JESUS CHRIST AS  
YOUR LORD AND SAVIOR, EVEN THOUGH YOU  
ARE YOUNG, YOU HAVE GREAT CAPACITY TO  
KNOW GOD, WALK WITH GOD AND BE USED BY  
HIM.

\*\*\*\* AND MARY, A YOUNG TEENAGER HAD  
GREAT FAITH!

(5) NOW UNDERSTAND THIS, ALTHOUGH MARY  
DID NOT ASK FOR A SIGN TO BELIEVE WHAT  
GABRIEL SAID.

\* GOD GAVE HER ONE ANYWAY. FOR THE SIGN  
COMMUNICATED BY GABRIEL WAS THE  
CONCEPTION MIRACLE WITH HER OLDER  
RELATIVE ELIZABETH.

\*\* AND WHAT FOLLOWS WITH THESE TWO  
CONCEPTION MIRACLES, THESE TWO MIRACLE  
MOTHERS, IS CHRISTMAS.

\*\*\* FOR ALL OF A SUDDEN REDEMPTIVE HISTORY REACHES A HIGH POINT. THE FORERUNNER OF CHRIST WHO PREPARES THE WAY FOR HIM IS BORN AND THE MESSIAH, THE SAVIOR IS BORN.

\*\*\*\* AND CHRISTMAS SCREAMS SALVATION, FOR WHAT IS IT? CHRIST THE SAVIOR IS BORN. QUOTE THE NEXT CHAPTER IN LUKE 2:11 (QUOTE IT). ALSO QUOTE MATTHEW 1:21.

(6) SO CHRISTMAS IS SALVATION. CHRISTMAS IS HOPE, CHRISTMAS IS PEACE FOR THOSE WHO TURN TO THE ONE WHO WAS BORN TO DIE AND BE RESURRECTED FROM THE DEAD.

\* SO IN MY MIND, CHRISTMAS SCREAMS **SALVATION AND IN GOD'S PURPOSE OF** REDEMPTION, WE GET A GLIMPSE OF HIS PLAN, A PREVIEW OF WHAT IS TO COME, THE BIRTH OF OUR SAVIOR!

\*\* AND OUR PREVIEW OF CHRISTMAS TODAY IS  
**"TWO MIRACLE MOTHERS" THE TITLE OF MY**  
CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FOR 2012.

\*\*\* **AND UNDER THAT TITLE, WE'LL LOOK AT 3**  
MAIN POINTS AS WE WORK OUR WAY THROUGH  
LUKE 1:39-45.

\*\*\*\* **NO. 1 WE'LL SEE THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF**  
**MARY'S VISIT TO ELIZABETH, VV. 39-41; NO. 2**  
THE CRY, THE LOUD CRY OF ELIZABETH IN  
WORSHIP IN WHAT GOD WAS DOING THROUGH  
MARY, VV. 42-44; AND NO. 3 THE CONFIDENCE  
**OF MARY IN GOD'S PLAN, V. 45.**

(7) AND WITH THAT OUTLINE AS OUR GUIDE,  
LOOK AT LUKE 1:39 PLEASE **WHERE WE'LL**  
START TO SEE OUR FIRST POINT TODAY, THE  
CIRCUMSTANCES.



I. THE CIRCUMSTANCES, (READ V. 39)

**A. NOW THE PHRASE "AT THIS TIME" REFERS TO THE TIME OF THE ANGEL GABRIEL'S VISIT.**

\* SO, EAGER TO SEE THE PROMISED SIGN THAT ELIZABETH WAS PREGNANT AND IN HER SIXTH MONTH OF THAT PREGNANCY, MARY WASTED NO TIME IN SETTING OUT TO VISIT HER OLDER FAMILY MEMBER ELIZABETH.

**\*\* IN FACT, THE PHRASE "WENT IN A HURRY" IN V. 39 CONFIRMS THAT MARY WANTED TO GET THERE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE AND INDICATES SHE MOST LIKELY DROPPED EVERYTHING TO MAKE THE TRIP. HER HASTE INDICATES EAGERNESS. SHE COULD NOT WAIT TO GET THERE.**

**\*\*\* NOW NOTE, THAT THIS TRIP WAS NO SHORT TRIP, FOR IT SAYS IN V. 39 MARY WAS GOING "TO THE HILL COUNTRY TO A CITY OF JUDAH."**

\*\*\*\* NOW MARY LIVED IN THE NORTH IN THE SMALL GALILEAN VILLAGE OF NAZARETH AND TO GO TO JUDAH, TO THE HILL COUNTRY SHE MAY HAVE BEEN GOING TO HEBRON OR SOMEWHERE NEAR THE CITY OF JERUSALEM, GOING SOUTH, APPROXIMATELY 60-100 MILES AWAY DEPENDING WHETHER IT WAS HEBRON OR JERUSALEM AND WOULD HAVE TAKEN 3 TO 4 DAYS.

1. AND SUCH A JOURNEY BY A YOUNG **TEENAGER OF MARY'S AGE WAS HIGHLY UNUSUAL** IN A CULTURE WHERE GIRLS OF THIS AGE WERE CAREFULLY PROTECTED.

**\* NEVERTHELESS, GOD'S HAND IS UPON MARY** IN A SPECIAL WAY AND SHE MAKES THIS 3-4 **DAY JOURNEY, AND IT DOESN'T SAY ANYONE** WAS WITH HER, LIKE JOSEPH, WHO WOULD FIND OUT ABOUT HER PREGNANCY AFTER THIS BY AN ANGEL OF THE LORD IN MATTHEW 1:18-25.

\*\* NOW THE CIRCUMSTANCES CONTINUE, LOOK AT V. 40 PLEASE.

B. READ V. 40. NOW MARY FINALLY ARRIVES AT THE HOUSE OF ZACHARIAS AND ELIZABETH, SO SHE ENTERS THEIR HOUSE AND GREETES ZACHARIAS AND ELIZABETH.

\* AND UNLIKE THE NORMAL BRIEF AND CASUAL GREETINGS THAT ARE COMMON FOR US TODAY WHEN SOMEONE ENTERS OUR APARTMENTS OR HOMES, A GREETING IN THAT DAY, IN THAT CULTURE IN THE ANCIENT NEAR EAST WAS AN EXTENDED GREETING, AN EXTENDED SOCIAL EVENT INVOLVING A LENGTHY CONVERSATION, A LENGTHY DIALOGUE, GETTING CAUGHT UP WITH THE GUEST.

\*\* WELL, MARY AND ELIZABETH MOST LIKELY GOT CAUGHT UP WITH EACH OTHER.

\*\*\* AND THIS IS MOST LIKELY HOW ELIZABETH KNEW THAT MARY WAS PREGNANT AND JUST FOR A SHORT TIME MOST LIKELY, POSSIBLY 3-4 DAYS.

\*\*\*\* IN FACT, IT IS PROBABLE THAT JOSEPH DID NOT KNOW AT THIS POINT, IT WAS VERY EARLY IN HER PREGNANCY.

1. BUT AS MARY AND ELIZABETH ARE GREETING EACH OTHER, AND GETTING CAUGHT UP, THE INCREDIBLE SIMILARITIES OF WHAT GOD WAS DOING HAD TO BE ENCOURAGING TO BOTH OF THEM.

\* GOD WAS WORKING IN A MIRACULOUS WAY IN BOTH OF THEIR LIVES.

**\*\* AND FOR MARY, HEARING ELIZABETH'S** ACCOUNT, AND SEEING HER CONDITION THAT THIS OLDER BARREN LADY WAS PREGNANT, HAD TO CONFIRM TO MARY THAT GOD WAS KEEPING HIS WORD TO HER COMMUNICATED THROUGH THE ANGEL GABRIEL.

\*\*\* IT HAD TO BE A GREAT TIME OF REJOICING FOR BOTH OF THEM, EVEN ELIZABETH, FOR NOTICE WHAT HAPPENS TO ELIZABETH IN V. 41. LOOK AT V. 41 PLEASE.

C. READ V. 41. NOW AT SOME POINT IN MARY **AND ELIZABETH'S** LENGTHY CONVERSATION THAT COMPRISED THE GREETING OF THEIR VISIT, SOMETIME AFTER MARY TOLD ELIZABETH OF **GABRIEL'S WORDS TO HER, ELIZABETH'S BABY** JOHN LEAPED IN HER WOMB.

\* AND NO DOUBT THIS WAS NOT THE NORMAL MOVEMENT OF A BABY THAT MOTHERS EXPERIENCE, BUT SOMETHING WAY BEYOND NORMAL.

\*\* IT WAS MORE THAN A NORMAL PRENATAL KICK OR TURN, IT WAS A LEAP, AN UPWARD VAULT, SOMETHING SUPERNATURAL HAPPENED AS JOHN THE FORERUNNER AND HERALD OF THE CHRIST IN A SENSE LEAPS FOR JOY.

**\*\*\* FOR IN ELIZABETH'S SUPERNATURAL PREGNANCY, THE CHILD IN HER WOMB'S PURPOSE WAS TO CLEAR THE WAY FOR THE ONE CONCEIVED IN MARY'S WOMB.**

\*\*\*\* JOHN WOULD BE THE PROPHET HERALDING **THAT CHRIST WAS THE MESSIAH, JOHN'S PURPOSE WAS TO LIFT UP THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.**

1. AND THE ONE HE WOULD TESTIFY OF WAS IN THE WOMB OF THE WOMAN TALKING TO HIS **MOTHER. AND THIS WAS JOHN'S FIRST TESTIMONY IN A SENSE OF THE MESSIAH. FOR JOHN WAS FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT ACCORDING TO LUKE 1:15 WHILE YET IN HIS MOTHER'S WOMB, AND THIS SUPERNATURALLY MAY HAVE HAPPENED AT THIS TIME.**

\* AND OBVIOUSLY THIS IS NOT NORMATIVE, BUT IS A SUPERNATURAL TESTIMONY OF THE MESSIAH, THE ONE JOHN WAS BORN FOR, TO PROCLAIM HIM.

\*\* AND NOTICE IN THE REST OF V. 41, LIKE HER UNBORN SON, ELIZABETH TOO WAS FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT.

\*\*\* AND TO BE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT IS TO BE LED, CONTROLLED, DIRECTED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, AND MOST LIKELY FOR ELIZABETH THE PURPOSE OF THIS FILLING BEFORE PENTECOST WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT WOULD COME IN HIS FULLNESS, WAS FOR THE PURPOSE OF SAYING WHAT SHE SAYS IN VV. 42-45.

\*\*\*\* I MEAN WHAT SHE SAYS IS GREAT AND **LIFTS UP THE ONE IN MARY'S WOMB AND** WOULD ALSO BLESS MARY AS THE INSTRUMENT USED BY GOD TO BRING FORTH HIS SON ON THAT FIRST CHRISTMAS, A LITTLE LESS THAN 9 MONTHS LATER.

2. AND WHAT ELIZABETH SAYS IS RECORDED IN VV. 42-45, SO LOOK AT V. 42 PLEASE WHERE **WE'LL START TO SEE OUR 2'D POINT TODAY, THE** CRY OF ELIZABETH.

## II. THE CRY (READ V. 42)

A. NOW AFTER ELIZABETH WAS FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT SHE CRIES OUT WITH A LOUD VOICE, SHE LITERALLY SHOUTED OUT WHAT SHE WILL SAY IN HER EXCITEMENT AND JOY.

\* AND HERE IN V. 42, SHE SHOUTS OUT A DOUBLE BLESSING UPON MARY.

\*\* AND THE WORD BLESSED ELIZABETH USES TWICE IN V. 42 IS THE GREEK WORD YOU-LOW-GEH-O FROM WHICH WE GET OUR ENGLISH WORD EULOGY.

\*\*\* AND THIS GREEK WORD LIT. MEANS TO PRAISE, TO CELEBRATE WITH PRAISES, TO ANNOUNCE A BLESSING.

\*\*\*\* AND ELIZABETH IS PRAISING THE LORD AND PRONOUNCING THE BLESSING THAT MARY IS A **HIGHLY FAVORED ONE BY GOD'S CHOICE OF HER** TO BE THE MOTHER OF THE MESSIAH.



**1. AND THE FIRST BLESSED, "BLESSED ARE YOU AMONG WOMEN." IS AN EXPRESSION THAT DESCRIBES MARY AS THE MOST BLESSED OF ALL WOMEN, EVEN MORE BLESSED THAN ELIZABETH, FOR MARY'S CHILD WOULD BE GREATER THAN EVEN HER CHILD, FOR HER CHILD WOULD BE THE CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD, ELIZABETH'S SAVIOR THAT SHE WAS LOOKING FOR.**

\* THUS ELIZABETH ACKNOWLEDGED THAT MARY HAD RECEIVED THE GREATER PRIVILEGE, THE GREATER HONOR. ELIZABETH WAS A GODLY WOMAN, ACTUALLY CALLED RIGHTEOUS IN LUKE 1:6, WALKING BLAMELESSLY IN ALL THE COMMANDMENTS AND REQUIREMENTS OF THE LORD, ALONG WITH HER PRIEST HUSBAND, ZACHARIAS.

**\*\* AND THEN THE 2'D BLESSING THAT ELIZABETH UTTERED, BLESSED IS THE FRUIT OF YOUR WOMB, WHICH BY THE WAY WOULD SHOW THAT MARY WAS PREGNANT WITH JESUS AT THIS TIME, IS PRESENT TENSE, THE FRUIT OF YOUR WOMB.**

\*\*\* AND THE ONE IN HER WOMB WAS THE SON OF THE MOST HIGH IN LUKE 1:32. IN FACT THE ANGEL **GABRIEL'S WORDS IN LUKE 1:30-32** WERE:

V. 30 – **THE ANGEL SAID TO HER, "DO NOT BE AFRAID, MARY; FOR YOU HAVE FOUND FAVOR WITH GOD.**

V. 31 – AND BEHOLD, YOU WILL CONCEIVE IN YOUR WOMB AND BEAR A SON, AND YOU SHALL NAME HIM JESUS.

V. 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."**

\*\*\*\* AND WHAT A BLESSING THAT MARY A VIRGIN WOULD SOON HAVE THE MESSIAH IN HER WOMB. MARY WAS DOUBLE BLESSED.

**2. AND NOTICE AS ELIZABETH'S CRY CONTINUES**  
IN V. 43, SHE TRULY HAS A HUMBLE HEART, AND  
IS NOT JEALOUS OVER WHAT GOD WAS DOING  
WITH MARY. LOOK AT V. 43 PLEASE.

B. READ V. 43. NOW IN TRUE HUMILITY,  
ELIZABETH FELT UNWORTHY TO BE IN THE  
PRESENCE OF MARY.

\* AND LET ME BACK UP HERE FOR A MOMENT  
AND REMIND YOU, THAT ELIZABETH IS OLD  
**ENOUGH TO BE MARY'S GRANDMOTHER OR**  
EVEN GREAT-GRANDMOTHER!

\*\* HOWEVER, THERE IS NO JEALOUSY. THERE IS  
NO, HOW COULD GOD BESTOW FAVOR ON THIS  
YOUNG CHICK WHO IS WET BEHIND THE EARS?

\*\*\* **THERE IS NO, WELL, I'VE SERVED** GOD ALL  
THESE YEARS AND MY HUSBAND IS A PRIEST  
**AND I'M THE ONE WHO SHOULD BRING FORTH**  
THIS CHILD.

**\*\*\*\* NO, ELIZABETH'S HEART IS FULL OF PRAISE**  
AND THANKSGIVING AND SHE IS ECSTATIC THAT  
THE MOTHER OF THE MESSIAH WAS IN HER  
HOUSE, A FAMILY RELATIVE.

1. AND SOMETIMES WE THINK WE DESERVE  
BETTER AND GET JEALOUS OF PEOPLE, BUT I  
REMINDE YOU OF JAMES 4:6, WHERE IT SAYS:  
(QUOTE IT). ALSO QUOTE PHILIPPIANS 2:3&4  
AND ROMANS 12:10.

\* AND BELOVED, MY POINT IS, GOD WOULD USE  
ELIZABETH IN A SPECIAL WAY IN HAVING A  
MIRACLE BABY HERSELF, JOHN THE BAPTIST.

\*\* AND MANY TIMES WE WANT TO BE USED BY  
GOD IN A SPECIAL WAY, BUT WE FORGET THAT  
GOD USES THE HUMBLE, NOT THE PROUD; GOD  
USES THE WEAK, NOT THE STRONG; GOD USES  
THE LOWLY, NOT THE MIGHTY.

\*\*\* AND WHEN SOMEONE YOUNGER THAN YOU, ESPECIALLY A LOT YOUNGER THAN YOU IS BLESSED AND IS USED MAYBE IN A GREATER WAY IN BREADTH THAN YOU, REJOICE AS ELIZABETH DID.

\*\*\*\* ELIZABETH HAD PROPER PERSPECTIVE, SHE HAD A DIVINE ETERNAL PERSPECTIVE, SHE **REALIZED THAT IT WASN'T ALL ABOUT HER, THAT SHE WASN'T THE HUB OF THE WHEEL, BUT A SPOKE THAT GOD WAS USING.**

**2. BUT ALSO NOTICE ELIZABETH'S KEEN SENSE OF THEOLOGY, FOR SHE CALLS MARY THE MOTHER OF MY LORD. BY THE WAY, NOT THE FUTURE MOTHER OF MY LORD, BUT "THE MOTHER OF MY LORD." AGAIN SHE IS 3-4 DAYS PREGNANT.**

\* AND THE WORD LORD IS KOO-REE-OCE IN THE GREEK AND IS USED 27 TIMES IN LUKE CHAPTERS 1&2 AS A DIVINE TITLE TO REFER TO GOD, TO ATTEST TO HIS DIVINITY.

\*\* AND ELIZABETH UNDERSTOOD THAT THE BLESSED MESSIAH THAT WOULD BE BORN WOULD BE GOD.

**\*\*\* AND ISN'T THAT WHAT CHRISTMAS IS ALL ABOUT?** GOD BECOMES MAN TO SAVE MAN. DEITY TAKES ON HUMANITY IN THE BIRTH OF CHRIST. THE SOVEREIGN BECOMES A SERVANT, INFINITY BECOMES AN INFANT, THE CREATOR BECOMES A PART OF HIS CREATION.

\*\*\*\* AND THAT IS MIND BOGGLING TO ME. AND FOR WHAT PURPOSE, TO SAVE HIS PEOPLE FROM THEIR SINS.

**3. ELIZABETH UNDERSTOOD THAT MARY'S SON** WOULD BE HER LORD.

\* AND ONE ADDITIONAL THOUGHT HERE SO THERE IS NO MISUNDERSTANDING FROM WHAT **I'VE JUST SAID.**

\*\* GOD BEING ETERNAL, WAS NEVER CONCEIVED OR BORN, BUT HAS ALWAYS EXISTED. MARY WAS THE MOTHER OF THE HUMAN JESUS, NOT HIS ETERNAL DIVINE NATURE. SO MARY IS NOT THE MOTHER OF GOD. SHE IS THE MOTHER OF THE HUMAN BEING THAT WOULD BECOME THE GOD-MAN AT HIS BIRTH.

\*\*\* GOD HAS NO BEGINNING OR END, HE NEVER COMES INTO EXISTENCE FOR HE HAS ALWAYS EXISTED. HE IS ETERNAL, HE IS THE EVERLASTING GOD, QUOTE PSALM 90:1&2.

\*\*\* NOW WITH THAT TRUTH BEFORE US, **ELIZABETH CALLS MARY'S BABY HER LORD FOR** SHE UNDERSTANDS HE WILL BE HER LORD AS HE IS BORN AND DIES FOR HER SINS AS THE MESSIAH.

**4. AND MOVING ON, ELIZABETH'S CRY** CONTINUES IN V. 44. LOOK AT V. 44 PLEASE.

C. READ V. 44. NOW V. 44 ADDS SOME ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO V. 41, WHERE IT SAYS THE BABY, JOHN LEAPED IN HER WOMB.

\* AND THE FIRST PIECE OF ADDITIONAL TRUTH **IS, JOHN LEAPED IN HIS MOTHER'S WOMB WHEN HE HEARD MARY'S VOICE, "WHEN THE SOUND OF YOUR (MARY'S) GREETING REACHED HER EARS, THE BABY LEAPED.**

\*\* AND **IT WAS MARY'S VOICE THAT JOHN** REACTED TO AT 6 MONTHS. AND THE **2'D TRUTH THAT IS ADDED WAS HE LEAPED FOR "JOY!"**

\*\*\* JOHN, A BABY WHOM IS FILLED WITH THE **SPIRIT FROM HIS MOTHER'S WOMB, WHO IS SET APART FOR A DIVINE PURPOSE, AND THAT PURPOSE IS TO LIFT UP JESUS CHRIST, HAS JOY, A TINY HUMAN BEING IN HIS MOTHER'S WOMB.**

\*\*\*\* AND I WANT YOU TO SEE HE IS CALLED A BABY IN V. 41 AND HERE IN V. 44, NOT A POTENTIAL HUMAN BEING OR TISSUE, BUT A BABY. A BABY THAT RESPONDS WITH THE EMOTION OF JOY.



\*\*\*\*\* AND TO THINK OF ALL THE BABIES THAT ARE MURDERED EVERY YEAR UNDER THE NAME OF ABORTION SHOULD MAKE US SICK AND LEAD US TO PRAY AND VOTE, AS WE THINK OF THE INNOCENT BLOOD THAT IS SHED DAILY IN OUR NATION.

1. AND JOHN AT 6 MONTHS, A BABY IN THE WOMB, HAS THE PHYSICAL CAPACITY TO MOVE LIKE THIS IS ASTOUNDING. JOHN WAS NOT A POTENTIAL BABY, BUT A BABY, A HUMAN BEING. **AND THAT'S WHAT HE IS CALLED HERE** AND HE LEAPS FOR JOY AT THE SOUND OF **MARY'S VOICE.**

\* BUT I MUST MOVE ON, LOOK AT V. 45 PLEASE **WHERE WE'LL SEE OUR LAST VERSE TODAY, AND** OUR LAST POINT, THE CONFIDENCE.

### III. THE CONFIDENCE, (READ V. 45)

A. NOW THE SHE AND HER OF V. 45 IS TALKING ABOUT MARY.

\* AND ELIZABETH IS STILL SPEAKING UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AND SPEAKS OF ANOTHER REASON THAT MARY IS BLESSED.

\*\* AND THE WORD BLESSED HERE IS A DIFFERENT GREEK WORD THAN THE ONES USED IN V. 42, FOR THE WORD HERE IS THE GREEK WORD MAKARIOS USED IN THE BEATITUDES IN MATTHEW 5 AND LIT. MEANS HOW HAPPY.

\*\*\* AND THE TREE OF HAPPINESS FOR MARY COMES FROM HER FAITH, HER TRUST, HER CONFIDENCE, IN BELIEVING THAT THERE WOULD BE A FULFILLMENT OF WHAT HAD BEEN SPOKEN TO HER EARLIER BY THE LORD THROUGH THE ANGEL GABRIEL, WHICH BY NOW WAS FULFILLED.

**\*\*\*\* AND TO BELIEVE GABRIEL'S  
ANNOUNCEMENT OF CHRIST'S MIRACULOUS  
CONCEPTION IN HER TOOK GREAT FAITH.**

1. FOR REMEMBER, SHE IS A VIRGIN. IN FACT  
IN LUKE 1:34, MARY ASKS THE QUESTION OF  
**THE ANGEL, "HOW CAN THIS BE, SINCE I AM A  
VIRGIN?"**

\* I MEAN THIS NEVER EVER HAPPENED BEFORE!  
NOR WOULD IT HAPPEN AGAIN IN HUMAN  
HISTORY! BUT MARY BELIEVED THAT IT WOULD  
HAPPEN. SHE BELIEVED THE MESSAGE, SHE  
HAD GREAT FAITH AS A 13 OR 14 YEAR OLD.  
AMAZING!

**\*\* AND LISTEN TO THE ANGEL'S MESSAGE IN  
LUKE 1:35-38, WHICH ALSO GIVES MARY'S  
RESPONSE.**

\*\*\* LUKE 1:35 - 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.

V. 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.

V. 37 - FOR NOTHING WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE WITH **GOD."**

V. 38 - **AND MARY SAID, "BEHOLD, THE** BONDSLAVE OF THE LORD; MAY IT BE DONE TO **ME ACCORDING TO YOUR WORD."** **AND THE** ANGEL DEPARTED FROM HER.

**\*\*\*\* NOW MARY'S RESPONSE IS "MAY IT BE DONE TO ME ACCORDING TO YOUR WORD." SHE GRACIOUSLY SUBMITTED TO THE WILL OF GOD AND BY FAITH TOOK HIS MESSAGE AND BELIEVED IT, TREMENDOUS FAITH.**

- BELOVED, FAITH IS TAKING GOD AT HIS WORD.

2. AND NO DOUBT HER FAITH IS REINFORCED BY ELIZABETH AND THE SIGN THE LORD GAVE HER, AS THESE TWO MIRACLE MOTHERS TALK, AND MARY LISTENED TO WHAT ELIZABETH SAID AS A CONFIRMATION OF WHAT THE ANGEL SAID.

IN WRAP UP: (1) MARY IS NOT THE MOTHER OF GOD NOR THE QUEEN OF HEAVEN.

\* SHE PLAYS NO ROLE IN THE REDEMPTION OR SALVATION OF SINNERS TODAY, NOR DOES SHE INTERCEDE FOR CHRISTIANS OR HEAR OUR PRAYERS.

\*\* SHE IS NOT A MEDIATOR FOR US IN OUR PRAYERS, FOR I TIMOTHY 2:5 SAYS: (QUOTE)

\*\*\* HOWEVER WITH THESE THINGS SAID: MARY IS A MODEL OF FAITH, HUMILITY AND **SUBMISSION TO GOD'S WILL, AS WAS ELIZABETH.**

\*\*\*\* AND THEY BOTH ARE EXAMPLES TO ALL BELIEVERS OF HOW TO RESPOND JOYFULLY, WORSHIPFULLY AND OBEDIENTLY TO THE WORD OF GOD.

(2) AND THEREIN LIES THEIR SPIRITUAL GREATNESS AND THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT MARY WAS HIGHLY FAVORED, GRACED BY GOD AND USED BY GOD.

**\* AND MARY SAYS IN V. 46 THAT FOLLOWS, "MY SOUL EXALTS THE LORD, AND MY SPIRIT HAS REJOICED IN GOD MY SAVIOR."**

\*\* AND MARY KNEW THAT SHE WAS A SINNER IN NEED OF A SAVIOR, AND HER SON WOULD BE HER SAVIOR.

\*\*\* WHAT A WONDERFUL THOUGHT. AND CHRISTMAS IS ALL ABOUT SALVATION. AGAIN IT SCREAMS SALVATION FOR THE SAVIOR HAS COME. JOY TO THE WORLD THE LORD IS COME!

\*\*\*\* AND EVERY CHRISTMAS WE ARE REMINDED OF THESE TIDINGS OF COMFORT AND JOY.

(3) AND THEREFORE, THE QUESTION MUST BE ASKED TODAY, IS HE YOUR LORD AND SAVIOR? IF HE IS NOT, COME BOW THE KNEE TO HIM TODAY AND REPENT AND RECEIVE HIM AS THE ONLY MEANS TO SALVATION FROM SIN.

\* IF YOU DO KNOW HIM, WORSHIP AT HIS FEET AND DECLARE THE TIDINGS OF COMFORT AND JOY, THE GOOD NEWS THAT THE VIRGIN BORN SAVIOR HAS COME AT THIS SEASON AND ALWAYS.

\*\* AND REJOICE IN THE SCRIPTURES WE HAVE COVERED TODAY ABOUT TWO MIRACULOUS **MOTHERS. (LET'S PRAY)**