

**Mary's Joy
Amazing – Part 1**
Luke 1:26-56
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"God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. He chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, so that no one may boast before him."
1 Corinthians 1:27b-29 (NIV)

Mary's Christmas Joy Came From...

1. TRUSTING GOD WHOLEHEARTEDLY.

"Gabriel appeared to her and said, 'Greetings, favored woman! The Lord is with you!' Confused and disturbed, Mary tried to think what the angel could mean. 'Don't be afraid, Mary,' the angel told her, 'for you have found favor with God! You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name Him Jesus. He will be very great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give Him the throne of His ancestor David. And He will reign over Israel forever; His Kingdom will never end!' Mary asked the angel, 'But how can this happen? I am a virgin.'" Luke 1:28-34 (NLT)

"For nothing is impossible with God." Luke 1:37 (NLT)

If The Virgin Birth is Not True:

- **The Bible is a fraud.**
- **Jesus is a fake.**
- **Salvation is futile.**

"You are blessed because you believed that the Lord would do what He said." Luke 1:45 (NLT)

2. OBEYING GOD UNSELFISHLY.

"Mary responded, 'I am the Lord's servant. May everything you have said about me come true.' And then the angel left her." Luke 1:38 (NLT)

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."
Romans 12:1-2 (NKJV)

PRESENTATION + TRANSFORMATION = REVELATION.

3. WORSHIPPING GOD UNCONDITIONALLY.

"Mary responded, 'Oh, how my soul praises the Lord. How my spirit rejoices in God my Savior! For He took notice of his lowly servant girl, and from now on all generations will call me blessed. For the Mighty One is holy, and He has done great things for me. He shows mercy from generation to generation to all who fear him. His mighty arm has done tremendous things! He has scattered the proud and haughty ones. He has brought down princes from their thrones and exalted the humble. He has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away with empty hands. He has helped his servant Israel and remembered to be merciful. For He made this promise to our ancestors, to Abraham and his children forever.' Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months and then went back to her own home." Luke 1:46-56 (NLT)