



Magnify the Lord with Your Witness

Lesson 3 • Luke 1:39-45

Mary's LifeSong Magnified the LORD not HERSELF!

*We don't venerate Mary as equal to the Lord; we **IMITATE** her faith in exalting the Lord.*

Overview of the Passage

- The **ANNUNCIATION** by the Angel Gabriel to Mary. (vv. 26-38)
- The **VISITATION** by Mary to Her Relative Elizabeth. (vv. 39-45)
- The **MAGNIFICATION** of the LORD by Mary in song. (vv. 46-56)

Observations of the Annunciation and Visitation Passages

1. Greetings of **GOOD NEWS** trigger both passages.
2. Gabriel's greeting is by **GRACE** *alone* while Mary's greeting is through **FAITH** *alone*.
3. We know the *content* of Gabriel's greeting but only the **CONSEQUENCES** of Mary's greeting.

*Before the focus was on the **MESSAGE from the LORD** to Mary but now the focus is on the **MESSIAH who is the LORD** in Mary!*

4. The **PRESENCE** of the Lord in Mary's womb is the focus of everything: *Jesus is in the house!*

The Moment Elizabeth Hears Mary's Greeting Two Things Happen (vv. 40-41)

- John the six-month-old unborn baby **LEAPS for joy** by the filling of the Holy Spirit. (cf. 1:15)
- Elizabeth the barren, old pregnant mother **SHOUTS for joy** by the filling of the Holy Spirit.

JESUS is in the HOUSE! Let's JUMP and SHOUT for JOY!

5. Elizabeth shouts a three-fold **BLESSING** for what God has done and is doing!

The Three Blessings

#1 Blessed is Mary among all women: **Chosen** by God's grace from among all women for this honor!

#2 Blessed is the fruit of your womb: **Conceived** by the Holy Spirit while still a virgin!

#3 Blessed is she who believed God keeps His promises: **Committed** to the Lord by grace alone through faith alone!

6. Mary, Elizabeth, and John are Spirit-filled **WITNESSES** to the joy of knowing Jesus - *even when He's just conceived!*

- Our culture calls a baby an "**embryo**" from conception to 8-weeks - *but the Bible calls an "embryo" a "baby"!*
- Our culture calls a baby a "**fetus**" from 8-weeks to birth - *but the Bible calls a "fetus" a "baby"!*

Magnify the Lord with Your WITNESS by the Spirit's Daily Filling!

1. The Spirit Enables Us to WITNESS for the Lord.

- Notice **WHO** is witnessing to Jesus in this passage. *Acts 1:6-11*

- Notice **HOW** they are witnessing to Jesus in this passage. *Acts 4:23-31*

2. The Spirit Enables Us to REJOICE in the Lord.

Witnessing is **NOT** a **BURDEN WE BEAR** but a **JOY WE SHARE!**

- Notice **HOW** much joy is in this visit to Elizabeth's home.
 - John **leaps for joy** in the womb!
 - Elizabeth **shouts for joy** in her home!
 - Mary **sings for joy** in the Magnificat!

JESUS is in MY HEART: I can't help but JUMP and SHOUT and SING!

- Joy is the **second characteristic** of the Fruit of the Spirit and **big theme** in Luke-Acts.

3. The Spirit Enables Us to WORSHIP the Lord as the Triune God.

- The Spirit reveals to us the TRIUNE God who is fulfilling His plan of redemption.
 1. The Triune God at work in the Annunciation. (v. 35)
 - The **Holy Spirit** will come upon you.
 - The **Most High** will overshadow you.
 - The **Holy Child** will be called the Son of God.
 2. The Triune God at work in the Visitation. (vv. 41-44)
 - The **Holy Spirit** fills John and Elizabeth **to reveal...**
 - The **Lord** is the fruit of Mary's womb **because...**
 - The **Father** has fulfilled what He has spoken.

- Our witness is the OVERFLOW of worshipping the Triune God with great joy! (Ephesians 5:15-21)

How Do We Magnify the Lord Like Mary?

By daily being filled with the Spirit, so we can witness to others as we worship the Lord with great joy!