



Mary's CHRISTMAS

²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth,
²⁷to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary.

²⁸And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!"

²⁹But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be.



- Luke 1:26-35

30 And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.

31 And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus.

32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to 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.

34 And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"

-Luke 1:26-35



GIFT - Mary accepted the responsibility
- even though it was NOT her plan
Mary Probably had a plan for her life....

- Get Married
- Start a life with Joseph
- Have children

When Mary hears the angel's news & message – her response is...

v. 34 – *How will this be?*

Engagement at that time was different



1⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart.

-Luke 2:19



GROWTH - Mary's Treasures came from her Faith
Mary TRUSTED God
Mary OBEYED God
Mary SAW God's Will and Works in her life.



**Mary's Faith allowed her to see God's
Preparation, Leading, & Love.**

48 And when His parents saw Him, they were astonished. And His mother said to Him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, Your father and I have been searching for You in great distress."

49 And He said to them, "Why were you looking for Me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"

50 And they did not understand the saying that He spoke to them.

51 And He went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And *His mother treasured up all these things in her heart.*

-Luke 2:48-51



GROWTH - Mary's Treasures came from her Faith
OT Jewish Law – present 12-year-old boy to the
Priest and in Temple for “manhood”

**Each time we see this uncomfortable, tension,
unknown experiences in the life of Mary
– you see a similar line that follows,**

**“And His mother treasured up all
these things in her heart.”**



26 When Jesus saw His mother and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He said to His mother, “Woman, behold, your Son!”

27 Then He said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother!” And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.



-John 19:26-27

GROWTH - Mary's Treasures came from her Faith

- **Purpose of Christ was given to Mary at the BEGINNING**
- **Mary Treasured His Life – to Prepare for His Death**

**Mary's desire was not to “lose” her son.
But her heart held the treasures of a life
lived to sacrifice.**



- **Although on the cross He cared for EVERYONE**
– **Mary was the only He mentions specifically!**

John 3:16 -

“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.”

Is your response -

“Nope... I have my plans...”

Or

“How will this be?”

