

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

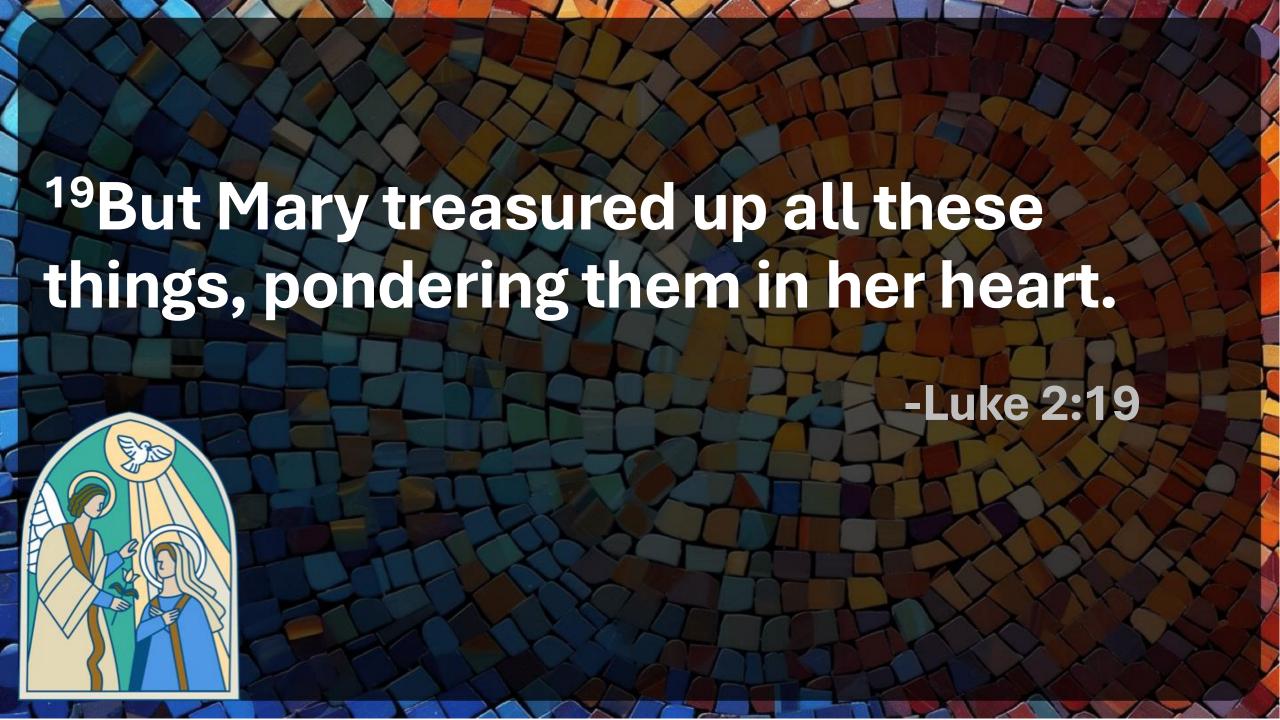
30And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. 31And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. 32He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, 33and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end. 34And 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



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.

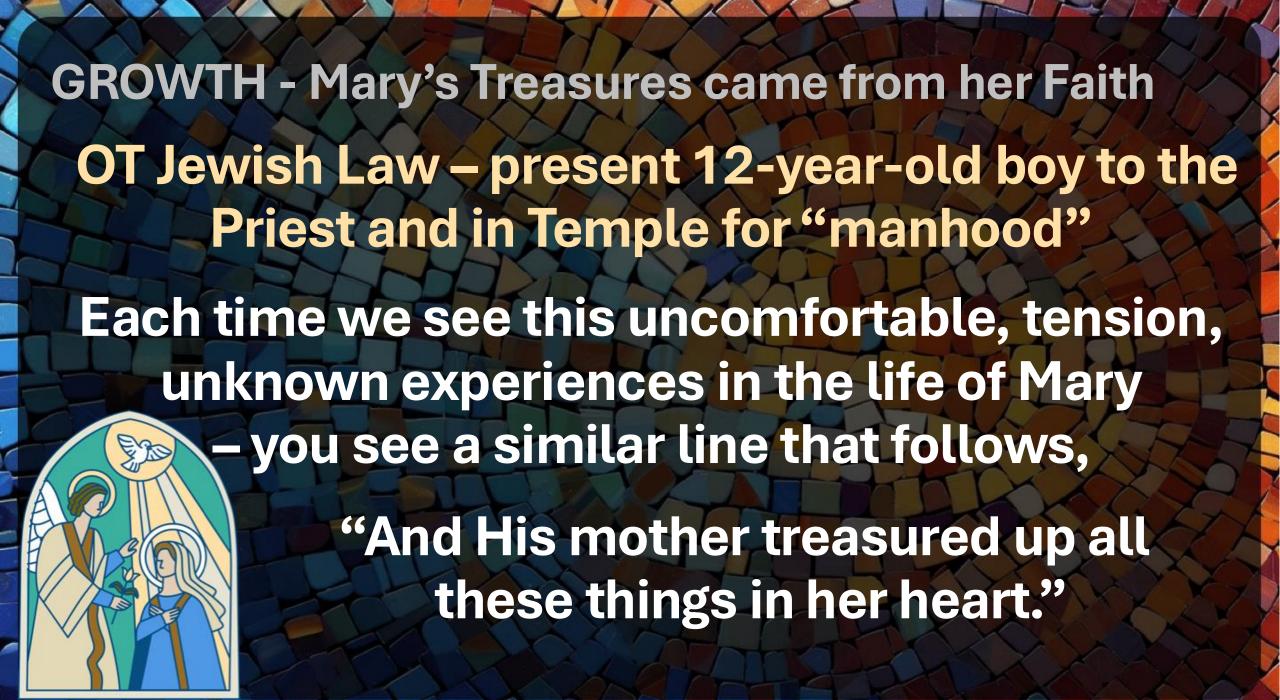
48And when His parents saw Him, they were astonished. And His mother said to Him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, Your father and I have been searching for You in great distress."

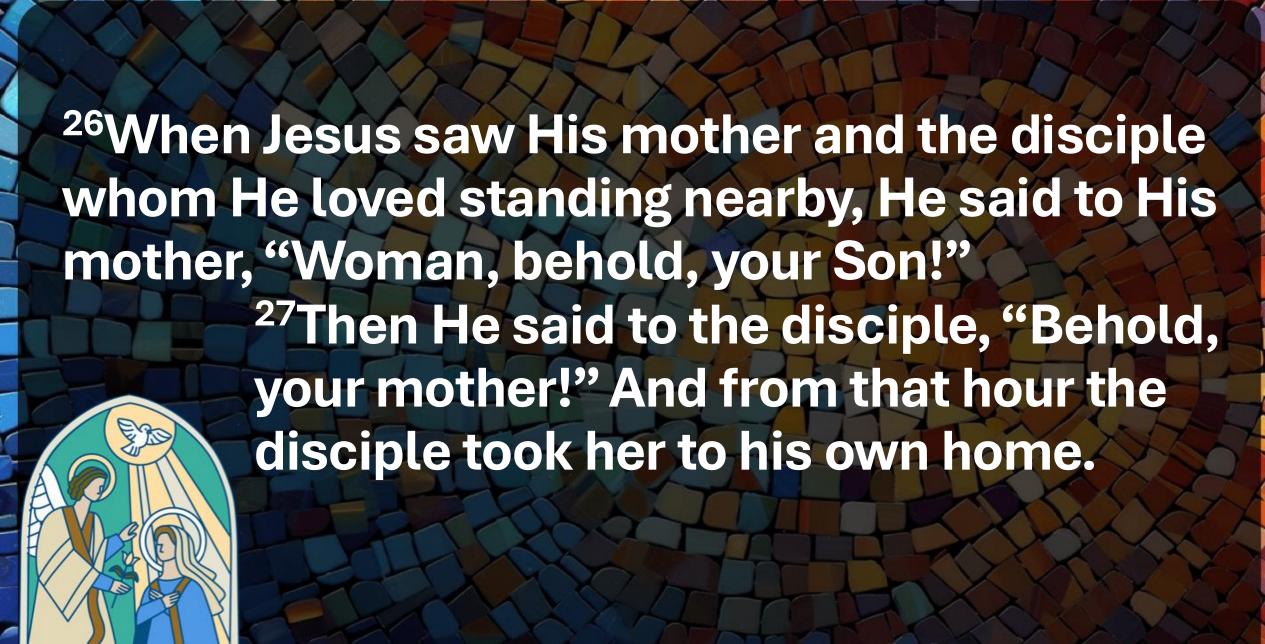
49And He said to them, "Why were you looking for Me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"

50And 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

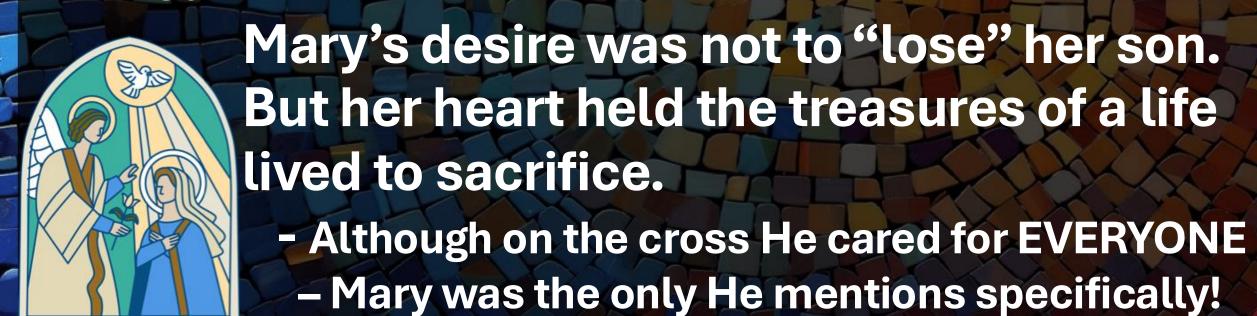




-John 19:26-27

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



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

