

## Mary's Motherhood - Luke 2, John 2, and John 19

### Intro:

Introduce self and family.

- The story of pregnancy test and cleaning dog poop

Think back to your call to be a parent...

### Body:

1. Last week Dave preached on Mary's Surrender and he did spend some time in Luke chapter 1 but I think its important to reread this section of scripture with Mary's Motherhood in mind. Join me in reading Mary's call to be a mother - Luke 1:26-38
  - In order to understand the weight of Mary's situation I think its important that we look at some more specific details... First of all during this time Jewish women would usually marry young in our standards, sometimes as early as 12 years old, we don't know exactly how old she would have been. But In Mary's culture, her age wasn't a problem, but her unwed pregnancy definitely was. Unwed mothers were often shamed, and sometimes even killed violently by stoning. And Mary would have probably known this reality. However we see that God protected her by sending an angel to visit Joseph in a dream and to tell him what really happened so that Joseph could support Mary in her calling as well as his own calling.
  - I think its also important to note that even though she questions the Angel in verse 34, Mary doesn't just begrudgingly accept the calling but rejoices in what God calls her to. In verse 38 she says she is the Lord's servant and asks that the Lord will would be fulfilled. And then she goes on to glorify the Lord through song later in Luke 1 for choosing her for this calling.
  - I don't know about you all but putting myself in Mary's shoes here I can't say I would have rejoiced... I would have been scared out of my mind. I mean I was scared out of my mind when I found out I was pregnant with Maelie... So why is it important that we acknowledge Mary's response here? None of us will experience what she had to or know the feelings she must have had. But most of us either have been or will be called to something in our lives that requires the submission and faithfulness that Mary displays here. Something we can take from Mary looking through the lens of her motherhood is that she submitted to the calling the Lord gave her. And not only did she submit to it but she rejoiced in it. Much like a mother when finding out she is expecting a child there are emotions and fear and uncertainty in our lives as followers of Christ we must trust that the Lord is calling us to it for a reason.

- It reminds me of my calling to ministry when I was a senior in high school. I had no idea what I wanted to do when I graduated and was just sitting in my bed one day filling out college applications when God decided to tell me I was going to be going to Christian college. And really that's all I knew. I was even in the process of filling out an application for the university of Nebraska and didn't even finish... I was that certain that he wanted me to commit my life to full time ministry.
- Mary also took that leap of faith trusting the Lord and submitted to the call the Lord gave her.

But that was just the beginning of Mary's journey as a mother, the real fun starts when the baby is actually born...

## 2. Which takes us to Luke 2:1-20

So let me give you some perspective here... Mary and Joseph just walked all the way to Bethlehem and then Mary goes into labor and ends up having to have him in what was essentially a barn and she's tired taking care of Jesus... oh yeah and then these random shepherds start showing up wanting to see her baby. When you put it that way it seems a lot crazier. But it says in verse 19 she treasured up these things and pondered them in her heart. I remember our time in the hospital when Maelie was born. We were tired and I was in pain and Maelie was crying all the time and nurses knocked on our door every hour it seemed like. We were over it by the time we were released to go home and we were in a hospital... not a barn. But Mary is interacting with these shepherds and treasuring it in her heart. One thing I did for sure treasure up in my heart from the hospital was that Maelie pooped through her clothes while Lawson was holding her.

Mary's journey as a mother only got harder and yet she continued to stay trusting in God

### 1. Jump down to Luke 2:41-51

This is an example that thankfully I can't relate to yet, though Maelie did start army crawling recently so give it time, I'm sure some of you in here have experienced that panic of not knowing where your child is. You're looking for them everywhere trying to remember where you saw them last. Like I said I can't relate to that panic other than with my dogs running off but I'm sure its a little more intense when its a child. Though I did call my mom last night and I was telling her about my sermon and that I was going to share the story of my brother and I getting lost at the mall in our home town of Lincoln, Nebraska and that we had to have the mall security come find us... but then she reminded me of another story of my brother and I. (Tell story of walking home late) So that one was obviously panic inducing for my mom but I don't think she treasured that one up in her heart. But Mary again shows us the importance of treasuring up these moments in her heart. She thought deeply about these events surrounding

her and her son. They acted as guideposts to remind her of God's goodness and faithfulness for her as she surely faced situations later in motherhood. As disciples of Jesus we should have this kind of inner life. Those memories and reminders that keep us faithful on the days when nothing feels right, and all feels lost. The ability to look to the blessings and the moments that point to God moving and working and faithful through it all. Maybe you even have something in mind now... something that you treasure in your heart that points to God's faithfulness and purpose for your life. Maybe you need to start a treasury or a piggybank of treasures. Maybe that looks like journaling or meeting with people that you can share those moments with. And maybe God will bring that moment back up when you need it most.

- Retreat Journal Entry

Portion of Journal Entry from April 28th 2023:

Even if I can't be fruitful through giving birth, make me fruitful in every other way in my life. I want to be fruitful through my influence in others' lives.

- Fast forward to my first doctors appt - found out Due date April 28th 2024
- Born on May 4th - Show picture

But God was faithful to me and now I will forever have that treasured up in my heart.

Our next stop in Mary's journey as a mother is Jesus as an adult performing his first miracle

### 3. We are going to be looking at John 2:1-5

I love this interaction with Jesus and his mom. When you just read through it quickly it doesn't really seem like much but its a really interesting interaction. First of all we have this wedding that has run out of wine which would have been probably gossiped about after and seen as embarrassing. But then we have Mary wanting help so she tells Jesus. Any other son would have assumed their mom meant for him to go run and get more wine. She may not have known he could turn water into wine or whip it out of thin air but she lets him know about the problem. It does seem like Jesus did this miracle with the intent of no one finding out because it says in that only the servants and the disciples knew he had performed the miracle not even the master of the banquet was told. And there is a lot of debate about what Mary actually knew and didn't know. Mary doesn't specifically request Jesus do anything about it or that he should perform a miracle, but she does show that she believes he is capable. She tells the servants to do what he says knowing that he was powerful enough to do something. Mary believed in Jesus and his power and purpose on the earth. Mary was like a proud mother in this moment. "My Jesus... he can do it". Maybe we need to be more like that. How many things in your life would be different if you trusted the power and plan of the Lord.

We have one last stop on Mary's journey as a mother first I wanted to share another story.

- Sights and Sounds story...

Conclusion:

The cross

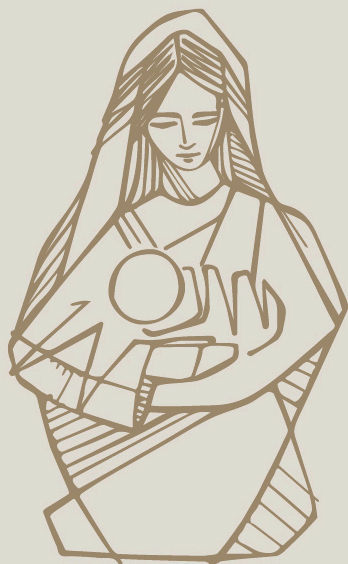
I can't even imagine the heartache Mary felt at the foot of the cross watching her son die in such a disgusting, gruesome and shameful way, but I can imagine that she was probably thinking back to all the memories of her son. His first steps, his first word, finding him preaching in the temple, watching Joseph teach him carpentry. I can imagine her thinking back to his first cry. Remembering how sweet and beautiful it sounded. I can imagine she was remembering how in awe she was at the small fragile life that she gave birth to that would save the world. But Mary watched as her child died and she trusted that God was faithful to his word and that Christ's death would not be in vain and that it would be the most precious gift even more precious than a newborn baby. She knew that at the end of the day God is faithful and good and his plan is perfect.

Application:

Submit to God's calling in your life

Lean on the blessings around you to guide you

Trust in the purpose and power of the Lord

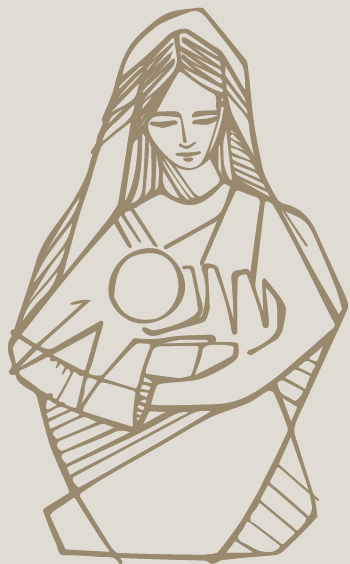


# MARY

THE SERVANT OF THE LORD







# MARY'S

M O T H E R H O O D



# LUKE 1 : 26 - 38

In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. The angel went to her and said,

“Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you.”

Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her,

“Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus.





# LUKE 1:26-38

He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end." "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?" The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.



# LUKE 1:26-38

Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. For no word from God will ever fail.”

“I am the Lord’s servant,” Mary answered. “May your word to me be fulfilled.” Then the angel left her.



MARY SUBMITTED TO  
THE CALL THE LORD  
GAVE HER.



# LUKE 2:1 - 21

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to their own town to register. So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.



# LUKE 2:1 - 21

While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them. And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”





# LUKE 2:1 - 21

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

“Glory to God in the highest heaven,

and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”



## LUKE 2:1 - 21

So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told. On the eighth day, when it was time to circumcise the child, he was named Jesus, the name the angel had given him before he was conceived.



MARY STORED UP  
TREASURES IN HER  
HEART TO GUIDE HER.



# LUKE 2:41 - 51

Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Festival of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up to the festival, according to the custom. After the festival was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. Thinking he was in their company, they traveled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him.



# LUKE 2:41 - 51

After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you." "Why were you searching for me?" he asked. "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he was saying to them. Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart.







# JOHN 2:1-5

The next day there was a wedding celebration in the village of Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, and Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the celebration. The wine supply ran out during the festivities, so Jesus' mother told him, "They have no more wine." "Dear woman, that's not our problem," Jesus replied. "My time has not yet come." But his mother told the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."



# JOHN 2:11

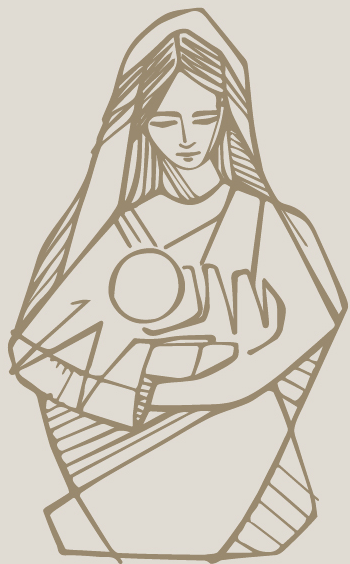
This miraculous sign at Cana in Galilee was the first time Jesus revealed his glory. And his disciples believed in him. After the wedding he went to Capernaum for a few days with his mother, his brothers, and his disciples.



MARY BELIEVED IN  
JESUS' POWER AND  
PURPOSE.







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# TAKE AWAY

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