

Christmas at the Movies – Mary, The Special One

Luke 1:26-37

²⁶ Now in the sixth month [of Elizabeth's pregnancy] the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, a descendant of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And coming to her, the angel said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." ²⁹ But she was greatly perplexed at what he said, and kept carefully considering what kind of greeting this was. ³⁰ The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹ Listen carefully: you will conceive in your womb and give birth to a son, and you shall name Him Jesus. ³² He will be great *and* eminent and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David; ³³ and He will reign over the house of Israel forever, and of His kingdom there shall be no end." ³⁴ Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin *and* have no intimacy with any man?" ³⁵ Then the angel replied to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you [like a cloud]; for that reason the holy (pure, sinless) Child shall be called the Son of God. ³⁶ And listen, even your relative Elizabeth has also conceived a son in her old age; and she who was called barren is now in her sixth month. ³⁷ For with God nothing [is or ever] shall be impossible." ³⁸ Then Mary said, "Behold, *I am* the servant of the Lord; may it be done to me according to your word." And the angel left her.

Luke 2:10 – Behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all people.

1. Despite Mary's Fears, She Trusted God's Word and Guidance for Her Life.

Luke 1:29 - "Mary was greatly troubled at his words,"

Luke 1:38, Mary proclaims "I am the Lord's servant, and tells Gabriel, "May your word to me be fulfilled."

2. In the Midst of Mary's Trials, She Continued to Praise God.

1 Peter 4:12-13 – "Beloved, do think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange things has happened to you; but rejoice... and be glad with exceeding joy."

3. Mary Trusted God in the Unknown

Proverbs 3:5-6 – Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not to your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct your paths.

4. Mary Surrendered to God's Will

Proverbs 22:4 (TPT) – Laying your life down in tender surrender before the Lord will bring life, prosperity, and honor as your reward.

5. Mary's Suffering Drew Her Closer to God

Deuteronomy 31:8 - “The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.”

Proverbs 19:23 (TPT) – When you live a life of abandoned love, surrendered before the awe of God, here's what you'll experience: Abundant life. Continual protection. Complete satisfaction.