

Mary - A Model Believer

Luke 1:46-55

Intro: the polarization that takes place when talking about Mary
-some esteem her to the extent of worship

-some never want to hear anything said about her

I. **The Announcement from Gabriel vv. 26-38**

- A. Mary lived in Nazareth v. 26
- B. Mary was betrothed to Joseph v. 27
- C. Mary was still a virgin at that time vv. 27, 34
- Matt. 12:46 and 13:55
- D. Mary and Joseph were peasants 2:22-24

II. **The Visit to Elizabeth, Zacharias' Wife vv. 39-45**

- A. Elizabeth was already 6 months pregnant
- B. Elizabeth and Mary both shared disgrace

III. **The *Magnificat* of Mary vv. 46- 55**

- A. Its similarity to 1 Samuel 2:1-10
- B. It is filled with humility, praise, and trust

IV. **Luke's Reversal Theology** - 2:7-14, 3:8-9, 4:16-30, 6:20-21, 7:36-39, 9:46-48, 16:19-23, 17:11-15, 18:9-14

Conclusion: Mary's example

- #1) She is a model of perseverance and steadfastness
- #2) She willingly submitted to the sovereign plan of God
- #3) She had a mind saturated with Scripture
- #4) She exemplified humility