

# MARY'S MYSTERIES

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## CONTEXT & CULTURE

God's people had been waiting for a Savior from sin's curse ever since Adam & Eve. Mary, a virgin, was chosen by God to conceive the Savior. She was engaged to Joseph, according to Old Testament law, if found pregnant before marriage she could be stoned. God allowed miracles and mysteries throughout Mary's journey as a mom.

### 1. Read Luke 1:26-38

Mary felt troubled, afraid and wondered about Gabriel's message.

What words gave her comfort? Why?

### 2. Read Luke 1:39-56

After Gabriel's message to Mary, she hurried off to Elizabeth's home. How could the women encourage and mentor each other during their pregnancies?

### 3. Read Luke 2:1-20

Mary's song says, "He has lifted up the humble."

Write a list of humble acts that God used to glorify Jesus' birth.

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### 4. Read Luke 2:21-39

What was Simeon referring to in vs. 35 when he said, "And a sword will pierce your own soul too"?

### 5. Read Luke 2:41-52

Even though Mary was told her child was the son of God she had to learn that for herself.

How did Mary's pondering and treasuring prepare her for the future?



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APPLY / PRAY / MEDITATE



## APPLICATION CHALLENGE:

Throughout Luke we read how the Holy Spirit led and filled Mary, Elizabeth, Simeon, Anna and others. Share a time when God has blessed you with a mystery to ponder or treasure in your heart. Perhaps it is from motherhood watching a child grow? Perhaps it is thinking on the unity of baptism or communion? Perhaps God led you out of an accident? Perhaps your path crossed with someone at just the right time? Perhaps you were healed from a sickness? Perhaps God led you to a bible passage or gave you words to share with someone when they needed it? God be praised!

## ACTS PRAYER

<b>Adoration</b> <i>Praise God for who he is, what he has done, and what he will do.</i>	<b>Confession</b> <i>Confess sins, especially sins that relate to the reading.</i>	<b>Thanksgiving</b> <i>What are you grateful for? Look for blessings from the bible reading.</i>	<b>Supplication</b> <i>Ask of God. What do we need? What do others need?</i>

## BIBLE STUDY PASSAGE FOR MEMORY OR MEDITATION:

Beyond all question, the mystery from which true godliness springs is great:  
He appeared in the flesh, was vindicated by the Spirit,  
was seen by angels, was preached among the nations,  
was believed on in the world, was taken up in glory.

- 1 Timothy 3:16