



MARY, YOU DID KNOW,
DIDN'T YOU?

Luke 1:26-38

“In the sixth month” of Elizabeth’s pregnancy (1:24)

Nazareth, a town of questionable character (Jn 1:46)

“To a virgin” Central to the story (Is. 7:14; Matt 1:23)

‘almah’ (Heb.) a woman who is pure and virtuous, who has not been intimate with a man. Used only 7 times in Scripture and always refers to a chaste, unmarried woman. In the Greek, same.

The virgin birth supports His deity and His sinlessness

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- “Pledged” In the eyes of Jewish Law, married, but relationship not consummated (Matt. 1:19, 25)



Joseph, a descendant of David (David's throne eternal, 2 Sam. 7:11-16)

Mary “highly favored” = “full of grace” (Same term used of all believers in Eph. 1:6. Translated ‘accepted’)

“greatly troubled and wondered...” (Also 1:34)



MARY'S RESPONSE

“How will this be, since I am a virgin?”

“I am the Lord’s servant. May it be to me as you have said.”

So real. So pure. So trusting...

SO WHAT DID MARY KNOW?

Vs. 30 She had found favor with God (so this was a happy visit)

Vs. 31 She would give birth to a son whose name was preset. Jesus “Yahweh saves”



AND WHAT OF THE CHILD WITHIN?

He will be great

He will be the Son of the Most High ('Son of' often used to show equivalency)

He will receive the Throne of David from God Himself



His reign will be eternal

He will be holy (Vs. 35)

He will be called the Son of God

Luke 4:16-21 (Isa. 61:1-3)



So Mary, did you know?
Sure.

But did you grasp all that it meant?
Not likely, but she trusted (1:38) and she treasured
(2:19)



Like Mary, we know the facts.

Do we grasp all they mean?

Not likely

But, are we trusting and treasuring?