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LUKE: THE SON OF MAN, THE SAVIOR HAS
COME, WEEK 4

TITLE: THE MEETING OF TWO MIRACLE MOTHERS

TEXT: LUKE 1:39-45

INTRODUCTION: (1) TWO WOMEN TOUCHED BY GOD WITH A MIRACLE: A SENIOR CITIZEN AND A TEENAGER.

* OLDER BARREN ELIZABETH WHO WAS PAST MENOPAUSE WAS 6 MONTHS PREGNANT, STAYING AT HOME TO REST WHILE SHE WAITED FOR THE BIRTH OF JOHN.

** THE VERY YOUNG VIRGIN MARY HAD ONLY JUST CONCEIVED. WAS IT REALLY TRUE? WOULD SHE REALLY GIVE BIRTH TO THE SON OF MAN, THE SON OF GOD?

*** TO CONFIRM THE MIRACLE AND PROMISE, THE ANGEL GABRIEL ANNOUNCED TO HER ABOUT HER OLDER RELATIVE - COUSIN ELIZABETH.

**** **SO MARY TOOK THE ANGEL'S WORD AND** WENT TO SEE HER COUSIN, A DANGEROUS LONG JOURNEY FOR A YOUNG TEENAGER.

(2) THEOLOGIANS CALL **THEIR MEETING "THE VISITATION."**

* AND HOW PRECIOUS IT MUST HAVE BEEN FOR THESE TWO MIRACLE MOTHERS TO EMBRACE, SHARE THEIR GOOD NEWS, AND DISCUSS THE MIRACLES THAT GOD HAD WROUGHT IN EACH OF THEIR LIVES.

** AND WHAT THEY SHARED IN THEIR MEETING AS TWO MIRACLE MOTHERS WAS UNIQUE.

*** THEY ALONE WERE CHOSEN TO BEAR THE CHILDREN OF PROMISE, AND THEY WERE THE FIRST TO KNOW THAT GOD HAD COME TO REDEEM HIS PEOPLE.

**** IT WOULD HAVE BEEN A JOY TO BE A FLY ON THE WALL LISTENING TO THAT MEETING AND THE JOY THAT THEY SHARED AS TWO MIRACLE MOTHERS.

(3) BUT WAIT A MINUTE, WE HAVE SOME OF THAT MEETING BY THESE TWO MIRACLE MOTHERS RECORDED FOR US IN LUKE 1.

* AND THAT MEETING, THAT VISITATION WAS SUCH A JOY FOR THESE TWO MIRACLE MOTHERS, FOR THAT MEETING BROUGHT FURTHER ASSURANCE OF WHAT GOD WAS **DOING AND CONFIRMATION OF GOD'S GREAT** WORK IN USING BOTH OF THESE MOTHERS TO BE IN A MIRACULOUS WAY.

** NOW IN BOTH CASES OF THESE MIRACULOUS CONCEPTIONS, WITH JOHN AND JESUS, THE ANGEL GABRIEL CAME TO MAKE THE ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT THEIR BIRTHS.

(4) AND IN THE FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT THAT WE LOOKED AT TWO WEEKS AGO, THE ANGEL GABRIEL CAME TO ZACHARIAS WHO WAS THE FATHER OF JOHN THE BAPTIZER, AND ZACHARIAS RECEIVED THE MESSAGE FROM GABRIEL THAT HE AND HIS WIFE, ELIZABETH, TOGETHER WOULD CONCEIVE AND HAVE A SON WHO WOULD BE THE GREATEST PROPHET, THE FORERUNNER OF THE MESSIAH FOUND IN LUKE 1:5-25.

* AND THEN LATER IN LUKE 1:26-38 IN OUR STUDY LAST SUNDAY, GABRIEL CAME TO MARY, A VIRGIN, APPROXIMATELY SIX MONTHS LATER CHRONOLOGICALLY, AND MADE THE ANNOUNCEMENT TO HER THAT SHE WOULD CONCEIVE IN HER WOMB, A SON THAT SHE WOULD NAME JESUS, WHO WOULD BE THE SON OF THE MOST HIGH.

** NOW THAT BACKGROUND LEADS US TO OUR TEXT TODAY IN LUKE 1:39-45.

*** AND AS THIS PASSAGE OPENS, MARY HAD JUST RECEIVED FROM THE ANGEL GABRIEL THE MOST INCOMPREHENSIBLE, UNIMAGINABLE, ASTONISHING ANNOUNCEMENT ANYBODY HAS EVER RECEIVED.

**** FOR THE ANNOUNCEMENT TO MARY INCREDIBLY WAS SHE WAS TO BE THE MOTHER OF THE SON OF GOD, THE MESSIAH.

(5) AND IN LUKE **1:38**, **MARY'S RESPONSE WAS: "BEHOLD, THE BONDSLAVE OF THE LORD; MAY IT BE DONE TO ME ACCORDING TO YOUR WORD." AND THE ANGEL DEPARTED FROM HER."**

* NOW THIS IS THE RESPONSE OF A 13 OR 14 YEAR OLD, TRUSTING THAT GOD WOULD DO AS HE SAID, AS BIZARRE AS IT SOUNDED.

** AND YOU MAY BE THINKING, WHERE DID I COME UP WITH THIS AGE? WELL, JOACHIM **JEREMIAS, A N.T. SCHOLAR STATES "THE USUAL AGE FOR A GIRL'S BETROTHAL WAS BETWEEN 12 AND 12 1/2."** AND AFTER BETROTHAL ANOTHER YEAR OR SO WOULD GO BY UNTIL THEIR WEDDING (FOR THE WEDDING FEAST) AND THE CONSUMMATION OF THEIR RELATIONSHIP PHYSICALLY. AND SO MARY AT A TENDER AGE OF 13 OR 14 TRUSTED THE LORD.

*** WHICH SHOULD REMIND EVERY TEENAGER HERE TODAY, IF YOU KNOW JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR LORD AND SAVIOR, EVEN THOUGH YOU ARE YOUNG, YOU HAVE GREAT CAPACITY TO KNOW GOD, WALK WITH GOD AND BE USED BY HIM.

**** AND MARY, A YOUNG TEENAGER HAD GREAT FAITH!

(6) NOW UNDERSTAND THIS, ALTHOUGH MARY DID NOT ASK FOR A SIGN TO BELIEVE WHAT GABRIEL SAID.

* GOD GAVE HER ONE ANYWAY. FOR THE SIGN COMMUNICATED BY GABRIEL WAS THE CONCEPTION MIRACLE WITH HER OLDER RELATIVE ELIZABETH.

** AND ALL OF A SUDDEN REDEMPTIVE HISTORY REACHES A HIGH POINT. THE FORERUNNER OF CHRIST WHO PREPARES THE WAY FOR HIM WOULD BE BORN AND THEN THE MESSIAH, THE SAVIOR WOULD FOLLOW 6 MONTHS LATER.

(7) AND GOD WOULD USE TWO MOTHERS AND THEIR MEETING TO BRING US GREAT TRUTH **ABOUT SALVATION. THEREFORE I'VE TITLED** OUR SERMON FOR TODAY, THE MEETING OF TWO MIRACLE MOTHERS.

* **AND UNDER THAT TITLE, WE'LL LOOK AT 3** MAIN POINTS AS WE WORK OUR WAY THROUGH LUKE 1:39-45.

**** NO. 1 WE'LL SEE THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THEIR MEETING, MARY'S VISIT TO ELIZABETH, VV. 39-41; NO. 2 THE CRY, THE LOUD CRY OF ELIZABETH IN WORSHIP IN WHAT GOD WAS DOING THROUGH MARY, VV. 42-44; AND NO. 3 THE CONFIDENCE OF MARY IN GOD'S PLAN, V. 45.**

(8) AND WITH THAT OUTLINE AS OUR GUIDE, **LOOK AT LUKE 1:39 PLEASE WHERE WE'LL START TO SEE OUR FIRST POINT TODAY, THE CIRCUMSTANCES.**

I. THE CIRCUMSTANCES, (READ V. 39)

A. NOW THE PHRASE "AT THIS TIME" REFERS TO THE TIME OF THE ANGEL GABRIEL'S VISIT.

* SO, EAGER TO SEE THE PROMISED SIGN THAT ELIZABETH WAS PREGNANT AND IN HER SIXTH MONTH OF THAT PREGNANCY, MARY WASTED NO TIME IN SETTING OUT TO VISIT HER OLDER FAMILY MEMBER ELIZABETH.

** IN FACT, THE **PHRASE "WENT IN A HURRY" IN** V. 39 CONFIRMS THAT MARY WANTED TO GET THERE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE AND INDICATES SHE MOST LIKELY DROPPED EVERYTHING TO MAKE THE TRIP. HER HASTE INDICATES EAGERNESS. SHE COULD NOT WAIT TO GET THERE.

*** NOW NOTE, THAT THIS TRIP WAS NO SHORT TRIP, FOR IT SAYS IN V. 39 MARY WAS GOING **"TO THE HILL COUNTRY TO A CITY OF JUDAH."**

**** NOW MARY LIVED IN THE NORTH IN THE SMALL GALILEAN VILLAGE OF NAZARETH AND TO GO TO JUDAH, TO THE HILL COUNTRY SHE MAY HAVE BEEN GOING TO HEBRON OR SOMEWHERE NEAR THE CITY OF JERUSALEM, GOING SOUTH, APPROXIMATELY 60-100 MILES AWAY DEPENDING WHETHER IT WAS HEBRON OR JERUSALEM AND THIS TRIP WOULD HAVE TAKEN 3 TO 4 DAYS.

1. AND SUCH A JOURNEY BY A YOUNG **TEENAGER OF MARY'S AGE WAS HIGHLY** UNUSUAL IN A CULTURE WHERE GIRLS OF THIS AGE WERE CAREFULLY PROTECTED.

*** NEVERTHELESS, GOD'S HAND IS UPON MARY** IN A SPECIAL WAY AND SHE MAKES THIS 3-4 **DAY JOURNEY, AND IT DOESN'T SAY ANYONE** WAS WITH HER, LIKE JOSEPH, WHO WOULD FIND OUT ABOUT HER PREGNANCY AFTER THIS BY AN ANGEL OF THE LORD IN MATTHEW 1:18-25.

** NOW THE CIRCUMSTANCES CONTINUE, LOOK AT V. 40 PLEASE.

B. READ V. 40. NOW MARY FINALLY ARRIVES AT THE HOUSE OF ZACHARIAS AND ELIZABETH, SO SHE ENTERS THEIR HOUSE AND GREETES ZACHARIAS AND ELIZABETH.

* AND UNLIKE THE NORMAL BRIEF AND CASUAL GREETINGS THAT ARE COMMON FOR US TODAY WHEN SOMEONE ENTERS OUR APARTMENTS OR HOMES, A GREETING IN THAT DAY, IN THAT CULTURE IN THE ANCIENT NEAR EAST WAS AN EXTENDED GREETING, AN EXTENDED SOCIAL EVENT INVOLVING A LENGTHY CONVERSATION, A LENGTHY DIALOGUE, GETTING CAUGHT UP WITH THE GUEST.

** WELL, MARY AND ELIZABETH MOST LIKELY GOT CAUGHT UP WITH EACH OTHER.

1. BUT AS MARY AND ELIZABETH ARE GREETING EACH OTHER, AND GETTING CAUGHT UP, THE INCREDIBLE SIMILARITIES OF WHAT GOD WAS DOING HAD TO BE ENCOURAGING TO BOTH OF THEM.

* GOD WAS WORKING IN A MIRACULOUS WAY IN BOTH OF THEIR LIVES.

**** AND FOR MARY, HEARING ELIZABETH'S** ACCOUNT, AND SEEING HER CONDITION THAT THIS OLDER BARREN LADY WAS PREGNANT, HAD TO CONFIRM TO MARY THAT GOD WAS KEEPING HIS WORD TO HER COMMUNICATED THROUGH THE ANGEL GABRIEL.

*** IT HAD TO BE A GREAT TIME OF REJOICING FOR BOTH OF THEM, EVEN ELIZABETH, FOR NOTICE WHAT HAPPENS TO ELIZABETH IN V. 41. LOOK AT V. 41 PLEASE.

C. READ V. 41. NOW AT SOME POINT IN MARY **AND ELIZABETH'S LENGTHY CONVERSATION** THAT COMPRISED THE GREETING OF THEIR VISIT, SOMETIME AFTER MARY TOLD ELIZABETH OF **GABRIEL'S WORDS TO HER, ELIZABETH'S BABY** JOHN LEAPED IN HER WOMB.

* AND NO DOUBT THIS WAS NOT THE NORMAL MOVEMENT OF A BABY THAT MOTHERS EXPERIENCE, BUT SOMETHING WAY BEYOND NORMAL.

** IT WAS MORE THAN A NORMAL PRENATAL KICK OR TURN, IT WAS A LEAP, AN UPWARD VAULT, SOMETHING SUPERNATURAL HAPPENED AS JOHN THE FORERUNNER AND HERALD OF THE CHRIST IN A SENSE LEAPS FOR JOY.

*** **FOR IN ELIZABETH'S SUPERNATURAL PREGNANCY, THE CHILD IN HER WOMB'S** PURPOSE WAS TO CLEAR THE WAY FOR THE ONE **CONCEIVED IN MARY'S WOMB.**

**** JOHN WOULD BE THE PROPHET HERALDING **THAT CHRIST WAS THE MESSIAH, JOHN'S** PURPOSE WAS TO LIFT UP THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.

1. AND THE ONE HE WOULD TESTIFY OF WAS IN THE WOMB OF THE WOMAN TALKING TO HIS **MOTHER. AND THIS WAS JOHN'S FIRST** TESTIMONY IN A SENSE OF THE MESSIAH. FOR JOHN WAS FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT ACCORDING TO LUKE 1:15 WHILE YET IN HIS **MOTHER'S WOMB**, AND THIS SUPERNATURALLY MAY HAVE HAPPENED AT THIS TIME.

* AND OBVIOUSLY THIS IS NOT NORMATIVE, BUT IS A SUPERNATURAL TESTIMONY OF THE MESSIAH, THE ONE JOHN WAS BORN FOR, TO PROCLAIM HIM.

** AND NOTICE IN THE REST OF V. 41, LIKE HER UNBORN SON, ELIZABETH TOO WAS FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT.

*** AND TO BE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT IS TO BE LED, CONTROLLED, DIRECTED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, AND MOST LIKELY FOR ELIZABETH THE PURPOSE OF THIS FILLING BEFORE PENTECOST WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT WOULD COME IN HIS FULLNESS, WAS FOR THE PURPOSE OF SAYING, COMMUNICATING, PRONOUNCING WHAT SHE SAYS IN VV. 42-45.

**** I MEAN WHAT SHE SAYS IS GREAT AND **LIFTS UP THE ONE IN MARY'S WOMB AND** WOULD ALSO BLESS MARY AS THE INSTRUMENT USED BY GOD TO BRING FORTH HIS SON, A LITTLE LESS THAN 9 MONTHS LATER.

2. AND WHAT ELIZABETH SAYS IS RECORDED IN VV. 42-45, SO LOOK AT V. 42 PLEASE WHERE **WE'LL START TO SEE OUR 2'D POINT TODAY, THE** CRY OF ELIZABETH.

II. THE CRY (READ V. 42)

A. NOW AFTER ELIZABETH WAS FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT SHE CRIES OUT WITH A LOUD VOICE, SHE LITERALLY SHOUTED OUT WHAT SHE WILL SAY IN HER EXCITEMENT AND JOY.

* AND HERE IN V. 42, SHE SHOUTS OUT A DOUBLE BLESSING, TWO BLESSINGS, UPON MARY.

** AND THE WORD BLESSED ELIZABETH USES TWICE IN V. 42 IS THE GREEK WORD YOU-LOW-GEH-O FROM WHICH WE GET OUR ENGLISH WORD EULOGY.

*** AND THIS GREEK WORD LIT. MEANS TO PRAISE, TO CELEBRATE WITH PRAISES, TO ANNOUNCE A BLESSING.

**** AND ELIZABETH IS PRAISING THE LORD AND PRONOUNCING THE BLESSING THAT MARY IS A HIGHLY **FAVORED ONE BY GOD'S CHOICE OF HER** TO BE THE MOTHER OF THE MESSIAH.

1. AND THE FIRST BLESSED, "BLESSED ARE YOU AMONG WOMEN." IS AN EXPRESSION THAT DESCRIBES MARY AS THE MOST BLESSED OF ALL WOMEN, EVEN MORE BLESSED THAN ELIZABETH, FOR MARY'S CHILD WOULD BE GREATER THAN EVEN HER CHILD, FOR HER CHILD WOULD BE THE CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD, ELIZABETH'S SAVIOR THAT SHE WAS LOOKING FOR.

* THUS ELIZABETH ACKNOWLEDGED THAT MARY HAD RECEIVED THE GREATER PRIVILEGE, THE GREATER HONOR. ELIZABETH WAS A GODLY WOMAN, ACTUALLY CALLED RIGHTEOUS IN LUKE 1:6, WALKING BLAMELESSLY IN ALL THE COMMANDMENTS AND REQUIREMENTS OF THE LORD, ALONG WITH HER PRIEST HUSBAND, ZACHARIAS.

**** AND THEN THE 2'D BLESSING THAT ELIZABETH UTTERED, BLESSED IS THE FRUIT OF YOUR WOMB, WHICH BY THE WAY WOULD SHOW THAT MARY WAS PREGNANT WITH JESUS AT THIS TIME, IS PRESENT TENSE, THE FRUIT OF YOUR WOMB.**

*** AND THE ONE IN HER WOMB WAS THE SON OF THE MOST HIGH IN LUKE 1:32. IN FACT THE **ANGEL GABRIEL'S WORDS IN LUKE 1:30-32** WERE:

V. 30 – THE ANGEL SAID TO **HER**, “**DO NOT BE** AFRAID, MARY; FOR YOU HAVE FOUND FAVOR WITH GOD.

V. 31 – AND BEHOLD, YOU WILL CONCEIVE IN YOUR WOMB AND BEAR A SON, AND YOU SHALL NAME HIM JESUS.

V. 32 – HE WILL BE GREAT AND WILL BE CALLED THE SON OF THE MOST HIGH; AND THE LORD GOD WILL GIVE HIM THE THRONE OF HIS **FATHER, DAVID.”**

**** AND WHAT A BLESSING THAT MARY, A VIRGIN, LIT. HAD THE MESSIAH IN HER WOMB AS SHE IS VISITING WITH ELIZABETH. MARY WAS DOUBLE BLESSED.

2. AND NOTICE AS ELIZABETH'S CRY CONTINUES

IN V. 43, SHE TRULY HAS A HUMBLE HEART, AND IS NOT JEALOUS OVER WHAT GOD WAS DOING WITH MARY. LOOK AT V. 43 PLEASE.

B. READ V. 43. NOW IN TRUE HUMILITY, ELIZABETH FELT UNWORTHY TO BE IN THE PRESENCE OF MARY.

* AND LET ME BACK UP HERE FOR A MOMENT AND REMIND YOU, THAT ELIZABETH IS OLD **ENOUGH TO BE MARY'S GRANDMOTHER OR** EVEN GREAT-GRANDMOTHER!

** HOWEVER, THERE IS NO JEALOUSY. THERE IS NO, HOW COULD GOD BESTOW FAVOR ON THIS YOUNG CHICK WHO IS WET BEHIND THE EARS?

*** **THERE IS NO, WELL, I'VE SERVED GOD ALL** THESE YEARS AND MY HUSBAND IS A PRIEST **AND I'M THE ONE WHO SHOULD BRING FORTH** THIS CHILD.

****** NO, ELIZABETH'S HEART IS FULL OF PRAISE**
AND THANKSGIVING AND SHE IS ECSTATIC THAT
THE MOTHER OF THE MESSIAH WAS IN HER
HOUSE, A FAMILY RELATIVE.

1. AND IN APPLICATION, SOMETIMES WE THINK
WE DESERVE BETTER AND GET JEALOUS OF
PEOPLE, BUT I REMIND YOU OF JAMES 4:6,
WHERE IT SAYS: (QUOTE IT). ALSO QUOTE
PHILIPPIANS 2:3&4 AND ROMANS 12:10 - BE
KINDLY AFFECTIONED .

* AND BELOVED, MY POINT IS, GOD WOULD USE
ELIZABETH IN HER HUMILITY IN A SPECIAL WAY
IN HAVING A MIRACLE BABY HERSELF, JOHN THE
BAPTIST.

** AND MANY TIMES WE WANT TO BE USED BY
GOD IN A SPECIAL WAY, BUT WE FORGET THAT
GOD USES THE HUMBLE, NOT THE PROUD; GOD
USES THE WEAK, NOT THE STRONG; GOD USES
THE LOWLY, NOT THE MIGHTY.

*** AND WHEN SOMEONE YOUNGER THAN YOU, ESPECIALLY A LOT YOUNGER THAN YOU IS BLESSED AND IS USED MAYBE IN A GREATER WAY IN BREADTH AND DEGREE THAN YOU, REJOICE AS ELIZABETH DID.

**** ELIZABETH HAD PROPER PERSPECTIVE, SHE HAD A DIVINE ETERNAL PERSPECTIVE, SHE **REALIZED THAT IT WASN'T ALL ABOUT HER, THAT SHE WASN'T THE HUB OF THE WHEEL, BUT A SPOKE IN THE WHEEL THAT GOD WAS USING.**

2. BUT ALSO NOTICE ELIZABETH'S KEEN SENSE OF THEOLOGY, FOR SHE CALLS MARY THE MOTHER OF MY LORD. BY THE WAY, NOT THE FUTURE **MOTHER OF MY LORD, BUT "THE MOTHER OF MY LORD."** **AGAIN** MARY IS 3-4 DAYS PREGNANT AT THIS TIME.

* AND THE WORD LORD IS KOO-REE-OCE IN THE GREEK AND IS USED 27 TIMES IN LUKE CHAPTERS 1&2 AS A DIVINE TITLE TO REFER TO GOD, TO ATTEST TO HIS DIVINITY, HIS DEITY.

** AND ELIZABETH UNDERSTOOD THAT THE BLESSED MESSIAH THAT WOULD BE BORN WOULD BE GOD!!

*** DEITY TAKES ON HUMANITY IN THE BIRTH OF CHRIST. THE SOVEREIGN BECOMES A SERVANT, INFINITY BECOMES AN INFANT, THE CREATOR BECOMES A PART OF HIS CREATION, THE HOLY ONE, BECOMES HUMAN.

**** AND THAT IS MIND BOGGLING TO ME. AND FOR WHAT PURPOSE, TO SAVE HIS PEOPLE FROM THEIR SINS.

3. ELIZABETH UNDERSTOOD THAT MARY'S SON WOULD BE HER LORD.

* AND ONE ADDITIONAL THOUGHT HERE SO THERE IS NO MISUNDERSTANDING FROM WHAT **I'VE JUST SAID.**

** GOD BEING ETERNAL, WAS NEVER CONCEIVED OR BORN, BUT HAS ALWAYS EXISTED. MARY WAS THE MOTHER OF THE HUMAN JESUS, NOT HIS ETERNAL DIVINE NATURE. SO MARY IS NOT THE MOTHER OF GOD. SHE IS THE MOTHER OF THE HUMAN BEING THAT WOULD BECOME THE GOD-MAN AT HIS BIRTH.

*** GOD HAS NO BEGINNING OR END, HE NEVER COMES INTO EXISTENCE FOR HE HAS ALWAYS EXISTED. HE IS ETERNAL, HE IS THE EVERLASTING GOD, QUOTE PSALM 90:1&2.

*** NOW WITH THAT TRUTH BEFORE US, **ELIZABETH CALLS MARY'S BABY HER LORD** FOR SHE UNDERSTANDS HE WILL BE HER LORD AS HE IS BORN AND DIES FOR HER SINS AS THE MESSIAH.

4. AND MOVING ON, ELIZABETH'S CRY CONTINUES IN V. 44. LOOK AT V. 44 PLEASE.

C. READ V. 44. NOW V. 44 ADDS SOME ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO V. 41, WHERE IT SAYS THE BABY, JOHN LEAPED IN HER WOMB FOR JOY.

* AND THE REPETITION FROM V. 41, THE RE-EMPHASIS IS, **JOHN LEAPED IN HIS MOTHER'S WOMB WHEN HE HEARD MARY'S VOICE, "WHEN THE SOUND OF YOUR (MARY'S) GREETING REACHED HER EARS, THE BABY LEAPED.**

** AND IT WAS **MARY'S VOICE THAT JOHN** REACTED TO AT 6 MONTHS. AND ANOTHER TRUTH THAT IS ADDED WAS HE LEAPED FOR **"JOY!"**

*** JOHN, A BABY WHOM IS FILLED WITH THE **SPIRIT FROM HIS MOTHER'S WOMB, WHO IS SET APART FOR A DIVINE PURPOSE, AND THAT PURPOSE IS TO LIFT UP JESUS CHRIST, HAS JOY, A TINY HUMAN BEING IN HIS MOTHER'S WOMB.**

**** AND I WANT YOU TO SEE HE IS CALLED A BABY IN V. 41 AND HERE IN V. 44, NOT A POTENTIAL HUMAN BEING OR TISSUE OR A FETUS, BUT A BABY. A BABY THAT RESPONDS WITH THE EMOTION OF JOY.

***** AND TO THINK OF ALL THE BABIES THAT ARE MURDERED EVERY YEAR UNDER THE NAME OF ABORTION SHOULD MAKE US SICK AND LEAD US TO PRAY AND VOTE PRO-LIFE AND PRO-FAMILY AND PRO-MARRIAGE AS WE THINK OF THE INNOCENT BLOOD THAT IS SHED DAILY IN OUR NATION. PRAY THAT WE WOULD REPENT OF THIS GENOCIDE.

1. AND JOHN AT 6 MONTHS, A BABY IN THE WOMB, HAS THE PHYSICAL CAPACITY TO MOVE LIKE THIS IS ASTOUNDING. JOHN WAS NOT A POTENTIAL BABY, BUT A BABY, A HUMAN **BEING. AND THAT'S WHAT HE IS CALLED HERE** AND HE LEAPS FOR JOY AT THE SOUND OF **MARY'S VOICE.**

* BUT I MUST MOVE ON, LOOK AT V. 45 PLEASE
WHERE WE'LL SEE OUR LAST VERSE TODAY, AND
OUR LAST POINT, THE CONFIDENCE.

III. THE CONFIDENCE, (READ V. 45)

A. NOW THE "SHE" AND "HER" OF V. 45 IS
TALKING ABOUT MARY.

* AND ELIZABETH IS STILL SPEAKING UNDER THE
DIRECTION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AND SPEAKS OF
ANOTHER REASON THAT MARY IS BLESSED.

** AND THE WORD BLESSED HERE IS A
DIFFERENT GREEK WORD THAN THE ONES USED
IN V. 42, FOR THE WORD HERE IS THE GREEK
WORD MAKARIOS USED IN THE BEATITUDES IN
MATTHEW 5 AND LIT. MEANS HOW HAPPY.

*** AND THE TREE OF HAPPINESS FOR MARY COMES FROM HER FAITH, HER TRUST, HER CONFIDENCE, IN BELIEVING THAT THERE WOULD BE A FULFILLMENT OF WHAT HAD BEEN SPOKEN TO HER EARLIER BY THE LORD THROUGH THE ANGEL GABRIEL, WHICH BY NOW WAS FULFILLED.

**** **AND TO BELIEVE GABRIEL'S ANNOUNCEMENT OF CHRIST'S MIRACULOUS CONCEPTION IN HER TOOK GREAT FAITH.**

1. FOR REMEMBER, SHE IS A VIRGIN. IN FACT IN LUKE 1:34, MARY ASKS THE QUESTION OF **THE ANGEL, "HOW CAN THIS BE, SINCE I AM A VIRGIN?"**

* I MEAN THIS NEVER EVER HAPPENED BEFORE! NOR WOULD IT HAPPEN AGAIN IN HUMAN HISTORY! BUT MARY BELIEVED THAT IT WOULD HAPPEN. SHE BELIEVED THE MESSAGE, SHE HAD GREAT FAITH AS A 13 OR 14 YEAR OLD. AMAZING!

** AND LISTEN AGAIN BECAUSE WE LOOKED AT THIS LAST WEEK, **TO THE ANGEL'S MESSAGE IN LUKE 1:35-38, WHICH ALSO GIVES MARY'S RESPONSE.**

*** LUKE 1:35 - THE ANGEL ANSWERED AND SAID TO MARY, **"THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL COME UPON YOU, AND THE POWER OF THE MOST HIGH WILL OVERSHADOW YOU; AND FOR THAT REASON THE HOLY CHILD SHALL BE CALLED THE SON OF GOD.**

V. 36 - AND BEHOLD, 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.

V. 37 - FOR NOTHING WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE WITH **GOD."**

V. 38 - **AND MARY SAID, "BEHOLD, THE BONDSLAVE OF THE LORD; MAY IT BE DONE TO ME ACCORDING TO YOUR WORD." AND THE ANGEL DEPARTED FROM HER.**

****** NOW MARY'S RESPONSE IS "MAY IT BE DONE TO ME ACCORDING TO YOUR WORD." SHE GRACIOUSLY SUBMITTED TO THE WILL OF GOD AND BY FAITH TOOK HIS MESSAGE AND BELIEVED IT, TREMENDOUS FAITH.**

- BELOVED, FAITH IS TAKING GOD AT HIS WORD, REGARDLESS OF HOW DIFFICULT IT MAY BE TO BELIEVE IT. TRAGEDY, HEALTH, FINANCIALLY, DEATH, ETC.

2. AND NO DOUBT **MARY'S** FAITH IS REINFORCED BY ELIZABETH AND THE SIGN THE LORD GAVE HER, AS THESE TWO MIRACLE MOTHERS TALK, AND MARY LISTENED TO WHAT ELIZABETH SAID AS A CONFIRMATION OF WHAT THE ANGEL SAID.

IN WRAP UP: (1) MARY IS NOT THE MOTHER OF GOD NOR THE QUEEN OF HEAVEN.

* SHE PLAYS NO ROLE IN THE REDEMPTION OR SALVATION OF SINNERS TODAY, NOR DOES SHE INTERCEDE FOR CHRISTIANS OR HEAR OUR PRAYERS. WORSHIP OF MARY IS IDOLATRY, IT IS SIN!

** AND SHE IS NOT A MEDIATOR FOR US IN OUR PRAYERS, FOR I TIMOTHY 2:5 SAYS: (QUOTE)

*** HOWEVER WITH THESE THINGS SAID: MARY IS A MODEL OF FAITH, HUMILITY AND **SUBMISSION TO GOD'S WILL, AS WAS ELIZABETH.**

**** AND THEY BOTH ARE EXAMPLES TO ALL BELIEVERS OF HOW TO RESPOND JOYFULLY, WORSHIPFULLY AND OBEDIENTLY TO THE WORD OF GOD.

(2) AND THEREIN LIES THEIR SPIRITUAL GREATNESS AND THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT MARY WAS HIGHLY FAVORED, GRACED BY GOD AND USED BY GOD.

* AND MARY SAYS IN V. 46 WHICH LORD WILLING WE WILL LOOK AT NEXT WEEK, **"MY SOUL EXALTS THE LORD, AND MY SPIRIT HAS REJOICED IN GOD MY SAVIOR."**

** AND MARY KNEW THAT SHE WAS A SINNER IN NEED OF A SAVIOR, AND HER SON WOULD BE HER SAVIOR. AND ALL OF US NEED A SAVIOR, FOR WE ARE SINNERS LOST WITHOUT THE SAVIOR.

*** AND THEREFORE, THE QUESTION MUST BE ASKED TODAY, IS JESUS CHRIST YOUR LORD AND SAVIOR? IF HE IS NOT, BOW THE KNEE TO HIM TODAY AND REPENT AND RECEIVE HIM AS THE ONLY MEANS TO SALVATION FROM SIN.

**** FOR UNDERSTAND THIS FROM OUR TEXT TODAY. THE MOST IMPORTANT THING ELIZABETH SAID WAS NOT ABOUT MARY IN THEIR MEETING, BUT ABOUT JESUS.

**** FOR ELIZABETH REFERRED TO THE CHILD IN **MARY'S WOMB AS HER LORD!**

(3) I MEAN, WHAT A REMARKABLE THING FOR ELIZABETH TO SAY. SHE CALLED THE UNBORN **JESUS "MY LORD" IN LUKE 1:43.**

* AND THIS WAS SOMETHING THAT COULD HAVE BEEN REVEALED TO ELIZABETH ONLY BY THE HOLY SPIRIT.

** SHE HAD BEEN RESTING QUIETLY AT HOME. HOW DID SHE KNOW THAT MARY WAS THE MOTHER OF JESUS, HER SAVIOR AND LORD, THE MESSIAH?

*** AND HOW DID SHE KNOW THAT MARY WAS **EVEN PREGNANT? SHE WASN'T SHOWING.**

**** YET AS SOON AS SHE HEARD HER YOUNG **FAMILY MEMBER'S VOICE, SHE IDENTIFIED MARY'S CHILD AS HER LORD AND GOD.**

(4) AND THAT IS YOUR NEED TODAY IF JESUS IS NOT YOUR LORD AND SAVIOR. THE HOLY SPIRIT NEEDS TO OPEN YOUR HEART AND MIND TO SEE JESUS FOR WHO HE IS AND TO SHOW YOUR

NEED OF HIM AS YOUR LORD AND SAVIOR.

* MARY AND ELIZABETH REJOICED OVER **CHRIST'S CONCEPTION, BUT ALSO REJOICE** TODAY FOR HIS CRUCIFIXION AND RESURRECTION.

** AND EVERYONE WHO TRULY KNOWS JESUS CHRIST TODAY LEAPS FOR JOY AND CALLS HIM **LORD. (LET'S PRAY)**