REALITY

Mary's Voice

Luke 1:46-56 11.05.2023 Dr. Amy Orr-Ewing

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And Mary said: "My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for meholy is his name. His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation. He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts. He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble. He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful to Abraham and his descendants forever, just as he promised our ancestors." Mary stayed with Elizabeth for about three months and then returned home.

Mary is the fulfiller of prophecy.

Isaiah 7:14

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and he will call him Emmanuel.

Genesis 3:15

I will put enmity between you and the woman, between your seed and hers; he will crush your head and you will strike his heel.

Mary understood reality and was prepared to pay a cost.

Luke 1:28-32

The virgin's name was Mary. The angel went to her and said "Greetings you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you." Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her "Do not be afraid Mary; for you have found favor with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High.

Mary used her voice – as a witness.

Luke 1:46

And Mary said.

"Mary the mother of Jesus" was named among the disciples and women who had gathered in the upper room. [Acts 1:14]

John 2:5

She says to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

Luke 1:46 And Mary said.

Joel 2:29

Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days.

Mary knew the scriptures.

Luke 1:51

He has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts.

Psalm 2:1

Why do the nations conspire, And the peoples plot in vain, The kings of the earth rise up, And the rulers band together?

1 Samuel 2:3

"Do not keep talking so proudly or let your mouth speak such arrogance, for the Lord is a God who knows, and by him deeds are weighed."

Mary read the power discourses of this world and defiantly believed that Jesus was the hope of humanity.

Luke 1:52

"He has brought down rulers from their thrones."

John 19:25

When he saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.