

**Hurstbourne Baptist Church; November 29, 2020**  
**Sermon Notes and Quotes: Luke 1:26-56**  
**“Mary’s Magnificat”**

**Outline**

- Mary’s Terrifying News (1:26-38)
- Mary’s Visit to the Hill Country (1:39-45)
- Mary’s Magnificat (1:46-56)

**Mary’s Terrifying News (1:26-38)**

- When the angel Gabriel addressed Mary, he said, “Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!” The Scripture says that Mary was “**greatly troubled** at the saying and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be” (Luke 1:28-29).
- Mary was also **greatly confused** by Gabriel’s announcement of her pregnancy, which is why she asked the angel, “How will this be, since I am a virgin?” (Luke 1:34).
- We see that the virgin birth was just as **incredible** to Luke (a Physician) and Joseph and Mary as it is to us today. In other words, the virgin birth was a **miracle**, which is why the Scripture says: “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God” (Luke 1:35).

**Mary’s Visit to the Hill Country (1:39-45)**

- After speaking to the angel Gabriel, Mary visited her relative Elizabeth with **haste**.
- **Sidenote:** We all need godly Christians that we can turn to in days of distress and confusion.
- Elizabeth received Mary with **joy** and pronounced a **blessing** upon her.
- **Quote:** “[God] is about to change the course of all human history; the most important three decades in all of time are about to begin. And where is God? Occupying himself with two obscure, humble women—one old and barren, one young and virginal. And Mary is so moved by this vision of God, the lover of the lowly, that she breaks out in song—a song that has come to be known as the Magnificat” (Piper, “Meditation on the Magnificent”).

**Mary’s Magnificat (1:46-56)**

- Mary’s Song is characterized by **humility** and **joy**.
- **Quote:** “Humility is a signature virtue of the Christian faith. Joy is its signature emotion” (Miroslav Volf, “Humility and Joy”).
- **Quote:** “Do not imagine that if you meet a really humble man he will be what most people call 'humble' nowadays: he will not be a sort of greasy, smarmy person, who is always telling you that, of course, he is nobody. Probably all you will think about him is that he seemed a cheerful, intelligent chap who took a real interest in what you said to him. If you do dislike him it will be because you feel a little envious of anyone who seems to enjoy life so easily. He will not be thinking about humility: he will not be thinking about himself at all” (C. S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*, 99).