



CHRISTMAS CAROLS | PART 3 | DID YOU KNOW?

THIS YEAR WE ARE LOOKING THROUGH A UNIQUE LENS AS WE DISCOVER OR REDISCOVER THE CHRISTMAS STORY BY REVISITING AND EVEN DISSECTING CLASSIC CAROLS....

CAROLS THAT HAVE BEEN SUNG, SOME FOR CENTURIES, THAT TELL OF GREAT STORIES OF THE MAJESTY OF GOD, THE GOSPEL OF HIS COMING, THE MIRACLE OF WORD MADE FLESH, THE GLORY OF ALMIGHTY GOD PLACED IN THE VESSEL OF HUMAN, FULLY GOD, YET FULLY MAN, MAJESTY AS THE ONLY SON OF GOD.

CHRIST IS WORTH CELEBRATING...

ROMANS 5:8 “but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

JOHN 1:1-18

Matthew 28:19-20

“MARY DID YOU KNOW”

*Mary, did you know that your baby boy
Would one day walk on water?*

*Mary, did you know that your baby boy
Would save our sons and daughters?*

*Did you know that your baby boy
Has come to make you new?
This child that you delivered, will soon deliver you*

*Mary, did you know that your baby boy
Will give sight to a blind man?*

*Mary, did you know that your baby boy
Will calm the storm with his hand?*

*Did you know that your baby boy
Has walked where angels trod?
When you kiss your little baby
You kiss the face of God*

*The blind will see, the deaf will hear
The dead will live again
The lame will leap, the dumb will speak
The praises of the Lamb*

SONG WRITER, MARK LOWRY, THOUGHT TO ASK MARY:

WHAT WAS IT LIKE TO RAISE UP JESUS, FULLY GOD!? TO
CHANGE THE DIAPERS, TO NURSE AND CARE FOR HIM...

**JESUS KNOWS THAT HE IS THE MESSIAH, AND SHE
KNOWS THAT HE IS THE MESSIAH.... BUT WHAT AN
INTERESTING THING TO THINK ABOUT!**

LUKE 1:26-33

JESUS WAS AND IS THE FULFILLMENT OF A GREAT PROMISE OF ALMIGHTY GOD...

THE BIBLE IS AROUND 27% PROPHECY

WHAT IS PROPHECY? A biblical phenomenon by which God conveyed messages to his people through human speakers or writers. (Klein, Blomberg, and Hubbard, *Introduction to Biblical Interpretation*)

One scholar, J. Barton Payne, has found as many as 574 verses in the Old Testament that somehow point to or describe or reference the coming Messiah.

Alfred Edersheim found 456 Old Testament verses referring to the Messiah or His times.

TRUTH: Conservatively, Jesus fulfilled at least 300 prophecies in His earthly ministry.

“...the statistical probability that someone would fulfill just 8 messianic prophecies from the OT is 1 in 100 quadrillion – one in 10 to the 17th power or one in 100,000,000,000,000,000” AND JESUS FUFILLED ALL OF THEM.”

-Professor Peter W. Stoner

ISAIAH 9:6-7

Micha 5:2-5

GENESIS 3:15

LUKE 1:26-38

TRUTH: MARY WAS GIVEN A HUGE RESPONSIBILITY.

TRUTH: MARY IS A REAL-LIFE EXAMPLE OF GOD USING SOMEBODY AS A LITERAL VESSEL FOR A MIRACLE.

TRUTH: MARY SHOULD BE HONORED AS AN IMPORTANT FIGURE AND EXAMPLE OF FAITH, FROM WHICH WE CAN LEARN.

THIS RESPONSIBILITY WAS ALSO A GREAT PROMISE...

FAITH KEY: GOD HAS A PLAN FOR YOUR LIFE THAT IS SO MUCH BETTER THAN THE ONE YOU HAVE. IT MAY BE COMPLETELY DIFFERENT, EVEN DISRUPTIVE, BUT IT'S MIRACULOUS! FOR NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE WITH GOD!

MARY DIDN'T HAVE TO DO ANYTHING TO RECEIVE GOD'S PROMISE... SHE SIMPLY HAD TO BE WILLING TO RECEIVE IT...

QUESTION: ARE YOU TAKING CARE OF THE FAITH PROMISE GOD HAS GIVEN YOU?

[2 Corinthians 7:1](#)

[2 Corinthians 1:20](#)

[Philippians 4:19](#)

[James 1:5](#)

**MARY KNOWS THE PROMISE, SHE HAS INQUIRED AS TO
HOW SHE WILL BE A PART OF IT...**

LUKE 1:45-55

SHE KNEW OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

SHE KNEW OF HIS GREAT NAME

SHE KNEW OF HIS STRENGTH

SHE KNEW OF HIS HOLINESS

SHE KNEW OF HIS CARE

SHE KNEW OF HIS MERCY...

LUKE 2:7-20

QUESTION: Why did Mary respond differently?

4933. suntéreó συντηρέω: To preserve, to keep, to maintain,
to guard closely

*Mary, did you know that your baby boy
Is Lord of all creation?*

*Mary, did you know that your baby boy
Would one day rule the nations?*

*Did you know that your baby boy
Is heaven's perfect Lamb?*

That sleeping child you're holding is the great, I Am

**SHE MAY NOT HAVE KNOWN ALL THAT JESUS WOULD GO
THRUGH... BUT WHAT SHE DID KNOW IS THOSE WORDS
OF THE ANGEL:**

³⁷ For nothing will be impossible with God.”

**WHAT DO YOU HAVE TREASURED UP IN YOUR HEART AS
A TESTIMONY TO GOD?**

1 JOHN 5:1-4

THE WORDS OF JESUS:

JOHN 17:20-26