

Journey to Bethlehem

Mary's Visit to Elizabeth

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... Mary hurried to the hill country of Judea, to the town where Zechariah lived. She entered the house and greeted Elizabeth. At the sound of Mary's greeting, Elizabeth's child leaped within her, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.

Luke 1:39-41 NLT

Elizabeth gave a glad cry and exclaimed to Mary, "God has blessed you above all women, and your child is blessed. Why am I so honored, that the mother of my Lord should visit me? When I heard your greeting, the baby in my womb jumped for joy. You are blessed because you believed that the Lord would do what he said."

Luke 1:42-45 NLT

We Know The Blessed . . .

• Believe.

"You are blessed because you believed that the Lord would do what he said."

Luke 1:45 NLT

• Receive.

[Mary] "I am the Lord's servant. May everything you have said about me come true."

Luke 1:38a NLT

• Go.

At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea.

Luke 1:39 NIV

The Blessed Know . . .

• God receives the glory.

"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 me - holy is his name."

Luke 1:46-49 NIV

God extends his mercy.

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.

Luke 1:50-51 NIV

• God's mission is above materialism.

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.

Luke 1:52-53 NIV