

MARY'S RESPONSE TO CHRISTMAS  
Luke 1:46-55 (ESV)

*And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord,<sup>47</sup> and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,<sup>48</sup> for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed;<sup>49</sup> for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name.<sup>50</sup> And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.<sup>51</sup> He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;<sup>52</sup> he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate;<sup>53</sup> he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty.<sup>54</sup> He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy,<sup>55</sup> as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever."*  
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1. Mary responded to the PROMISES of God with FAITH, despite her fears.

*In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth,<sup>27</sup> to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary.<sup>28</sup> And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!"<sup>29</sup> But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be.<sup>30</sup> And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.<sup>31</sup> And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus.<sup>32</sup> He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David,<sup>33</sup> and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." ...<sup>38</sup> And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her."  
Luke 1:26-33, 38 (ESV)*

*When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom.<sup>13</sup> He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.*

2 Samuel 7:12-13 (ESV)

2. Mary's response to the Christmas story was to WORSHIP a gracious SAVIOR.

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Luke 1:46-50 (ESV)

*I will praise the name of God with a song; I will magnify him with thanksgiving.*

Psalm 69:30 (ESV)

*My heart is steadfast, O God; I will sing and make music with all my soul.*

Psalm 108:1 (ESV)

3. Mary's CONFIDENCE amid uncertainty was rooted in her understanding of God.

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Luke 1:51-55 (ESV)

*The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.*

Psalm 34:18 (ESV)