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“Mary, did you know....”

- Words and Music by Mark Lowry and Buddy Greene

A. WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT MARY?

- Like Joseph, the Bible says very little about Mary.
- When she is first mentioned, she is in the presence of an angel.
- She was young; she was poor; she was probably illiterate and uneducated.
- She's mentioned at Christ's birth, when He was in the temple (age 12), when he performed His first miracles, she was at His crucifixion and she was present when the Holy Spirit arrived at Pentecost.
- Nowhere is the Bible does it say to worship Mary, pray to Mary, or that she was perfect/sinless, nor coequal with Jesus.
- Nowhere in the Bible does it say she in *perpetual virginity*—in fact, she remained a virgin *until* Christ was born and then gave birth to James, Joseph, Simo, Judas and “sisters” (cf., Matt. 13:55-56).
- She is so beloved but not holy.
- Mary probably had no idea what God was up to when her story began.....

Mary, did you know that your boy would one day walk on water? ...save our sons and daughters? ...come to make you new? ...this Son you delivered would soon deliver you? ...calm a storm with His hand? ...has walked where angels trod? ...He will make the blind see, the deaf hear, the dead live, the lamp leap, the dumb speak the praises of the Lamb? Mary did you know that your baby boy is Lord of all creation? ...will one day rule the nations? That He is heaven's Perfect Lamb? That sleeping child you're holding is the great I AM?

Mary, did you know? ...Now She knows; Now We Know!

B. MARY'S STORY

1. The Angel's _____ • (vv. 26-31)

Luke 1:26–27, NASB95 -²⁶ Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the descendants of David; and the virgin's name was Mary...³⁰ The angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary; for you have found favor with God.”³¹ “And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus.”

2. The Angel's _____ • (vv. 31-33)

Luke 1:29–35, NLT -³¹ You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³² He will be very great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³ And he will reign over Israel forever; his Kingdom will never end!”³⁴ Mary asked the angel, “But how can this happen? I am a virgin.”³⁵ The angel replied, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the baby to be born will be holy, and he will be called the Son of God.”

3. Mary's _____ • (vv. 34-38)

Luke 1:37–38, NCV -³⁷ “[My] God can do anything!”³⁸ Mary said, “I am the servant of the Lord. Let this happen to me as you say!” Then the angel went away.

C. WHAT DO WE LEARN FROM MARY'S STORY?

God uses adverse circumstances that make no sense at the time in order to accomplish God's purposes in the future.

Serving God will not always be easy • Faithfulness and obedience do pay spiritual dividends—eventually • Be more concerned with what God thinks rather than what people think • In tough situations, seek to magnify God

Recognize your lowliness • Recognize His greatness