

# **“God with Us” – Mary**

## **A Look at the Mother of Jesus**

### **Session 1: Luke 1:26-38**

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#### **I. Mary’s Setting**

#### **II. Mary’s Character – “found favor”**

#### **III. Mary’s Situation – v. 26-37**

- Young woman –
  
- Betrothed –
  
- God sent Gabriel with a message –
  1. Introduced message –
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  2. Declared message –
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  3. Explained message –
    - Who –
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
    - How -

#### **IV. Mary’s Reaction – v. 38**

**How About You?** We see God honoring one who was faithful in their obedience to God. Do you seek to love and serve the Lord with your life? Do we seek to please God? Are we quick to submit to God’s plan like Mary?

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### **Session 2: Luke 1:39-56**

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#### **I. Elisabeth’s Words of Praise – v. 39-45**

1. “Blessed art thou among women,” v. 42 –
2. “blessed is the fruit of thy womb.” v. 42 –
3. “And whence is this to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?” v. 43 –
4. “And blessed is she that believed: for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord.” v. 45 -

#### **II. Mary’s Words of Praise –v. 46-55 – “The Magnificat”**

1. Acknowledgement of God’s greatness –
2. Acknowledgement of her Savior –
3. Acknowledgement of God’s mercy -

#### **III. Mary Returns Home v. 56**

**How about you?** Every Mary needs an Elisabeth, and every Elisabeth needs a Mary! God calls on women to encourage, share, admonish, and cheer each other on in life! Are you actively taking part in God’s plan for women?

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### **Session 3: Luke 2:1-7, 19**

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#### **I. Birth of Christ – Luke 2:1-7**

- “taxed” –
  
- Bethlehem –
  
- “no room for them in the inn.” -

Shepherds, Temple visit, Wisemen –

#### **II. Mary Remembered All These Events – v. 19**

**Mary – Should we worship or pray to her?**

**Mary throughout the New Testament –**

**How about you?** Jesus, the coming Savior, the Emmanuel, the God with us, was the center and focal point of Mary and Elisabeth as well as all the characters of Christmas. They recognized Him as Lord and the giver of salvation. Is He your center? Are you solely dependent on Christ for your eternal home in heaven?

Matthew 20:28

Mark 2:17

Luke 19:10

John 3:36

John 5:24

John 12:46-47

John 14:6

John 17:3