

**Message Notes: When the Lord Comes Near
He Lifts Up the Humble - Luke 1:39-55**

How would you react to the stranger's news when he rings the doorbell?

What was Mary's reaction to the angel's incredible news?

List some challenges Mary would have faced because of this unexpected pregnancy.

What two miracles happened when Elizabeth heard Mary's voice?

1. Her baby _____ in her womb.
2. The Holy Spirit _____ her with words of blessing.

How might we react to the angel's promise, "With God nothing is impossible"?

List some reasons we can sing, shout, be glad, and rejoice:

Mary said, "My soul glorifies the _____ and my spirit rejoices in _____ my _____, for he has been mindful of the _____ state of his servant."

What might we all have in common with Mary?

To whom does Mary give all the credit in her song?

How can we respond to everything Jesus has done for us, even when we don't get what we've asked?

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GETTING STARTED

What preparations do families make when they anticipate the birth of a child?

INTO MY HEART

What were some thoughts from the text / message that stuck with you this week?

Look back through Luke 1. How does Mary's reaction compare with Zechariah's?

Compare and contrast Gabriel's predictions about John's future with those about Jesus' future.

What might Mary's song reveal about her view of God?

What are some specific promises God has fulfilled in your life?

Read Mary's song of praise out loud multiple times. As you speak the words, make them a prayer. Allow yourself to remember the ways God has blessed you in recent months, and express your thanks to God for those gifts.

CLOSING PRAYER

Lord Jesus, Thank you for choosing Mary to be your mother. Her faith is so beautiful. Please...