

MARY DID YOU KNOW

Mary was told that her baby was to be of the Holy Spirit and will be called the Son of God. Strange words to a young maiden who was not taught scriptures. All she would understand was what she was told to do or obey. But God chose well. After all of this was told to her by the Angel Gabriel, she said "Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word."

Culturally, Mary most certainly did not have any training Law, the Writings and the Prophets. Her husband Joseph may not have any formal training outside of the Torah.

And given that angels came to announce the birth and to give warnings, to think that they had really understood what was happening was a stretch. This was more than anyone could probably take in. Especially the idea of God becoming a baby.

Add to that the fact that the Jews were under Roman control. What they wanted was King Messiah to come and free them from Roman Tyranny.

So, I can imagine Joseph knowing what the Prophet Zechariah wrote:

'Then the LORD will go forth and fight against those nations, as He fights in the day of battle. And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which faces Jerusalem on the east. ... Thus the LORD my God will come, and all the saints with You. ... And the LORD shall be King over all the earth. In that day it shall be — "The LORD is one," and His name one.' Zechariah 14.3-4, 5, 9.

You see, they were not expecting 2 Messiahs nor were they expecting one Messiah to come twice. They were expecting Him to come once and for all!

What would the Messiah have to do to prove Himself? They clearly knew of the miracles of Moses. He performed more miracles than all the other prophets put together!

Ancient Jewish writings determined that the Messiah had to perform 4 distinct miracles:

1. The first was the healing of the leper.

- a. This had been done for Naaman by Elisha in 2 Kings 5. But it was the washing in the Jordan seven times that cured him; and note that never left his house. One interesting verse is when Naaman sent a letter to the King of Israel, asking to see Elisha. The kings said ""Am I God, to kill and make alive, that this man sends a man to me to heal him of his leprosy?"
- b. But Jesus was up-front and personal!
 - i. [Mark 1:40-42 NKJV](#) Now a leper came to Him, imploring Him, kneeling down to Him and saying to Him, "If You are willing, You can make me clean." (41) Then Jesus, moved with compassion, stretched **out His hand and touched him**, and said to him, "**I am willing; be cleansed.**" (42) As soon as He had spoken, immediately the leprosy left him, and he was cleansed.
 - ii. [Luke 17:12-16 NKJV](#) Then as He entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who

were lepers, who stood afar off. (13) And they lifted up *their* voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" (14) So when He saw *them*, He said to them, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed. (15) And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, (16) and fell down on *his* face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan.

2. The Messiah would perform exorcisms.

- a. According to Jewish traditions, exorcism required the Rabbi to ask the demon its name then command it out of the person.
 - i. We see this in Luke 8 where He commanded the demon to come out of the possessed man in Gadarenes,
 - ii. Luke 8:30 Jesus asked him, saying, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," because many demons had entered him.
- b. Since the possessed man in Matthew 12:22 was mute no one could ask the demon's name so the man remained afflicted.
 - i. Matthew 12:22-23 NKJV Then one was brought to Him who was demon-possessed, blind and mute; and He healed him, so that the blind and mute man both spoke and saw. (23) And all the multitudes were amazed and said, "Could this be the Son of David?"

3. The third Messianic miracle was the restoration of sight to a man born blind.

- a. John 9:1-38 NKJV Now as *Jesus* passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth
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(6) When He had said these things, He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva; and He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay. (7) And He said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which is translated, Sent). So he went and washed, and came back seeing.
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(14) Now it was a Sabbath when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. (15) Then the Pharisees also asked him again how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." (16) Therefore some of the Pharisees said, "This Man is not from God, because He does not keep the Sabbath." Others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?"
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(20) His parents answered them and said, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; (21) but by what means he now sees we do not know, or who opened his eyes we do not know. He is of age; ask him. He will speak for himself."
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(24) So they again called the man who was blind, and said to him, "Give God the glory! We know that this Man is a sinner." (25) He answered and said, "Whether He is a sinner *or not* I do not know. One thing I know: that though I was blind, now I see." (26) Then they said to him again, "What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?" (27) He answered them, "I told you already, and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear *it* again? Do you also want to become His disciples?" (30) The man answered and said to them, "Why, this is a marvelous thing, that you do not know where He is from; yet He has opened my eyes! (31) Now we know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, He hears him. (32) Since the world began it has been unheard of that anyone opened the eyes of one who was born blind. (33) If this Man were not from God, He could do nothing." (34) They

answered and said to him, "You were completely born in sins, and are you teaching us?" And they cast him out.

b. **Matthew 9:27-29 NKJV** When Jesus departed from there, two blind men followed Him, crying out and saying, "Son of David, have mercy on us!" (28) And when He had come into the house, the blind men came to Him. And Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to Him, "Yes, Lord." (29) Then He touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith let it be to you."

4. The last Messianic miracle was performed when Yeshua raised Lazarus from the dead. ...

a. But, Didn't raise others? Yes. So what makes Lazarus so special? Scriptures record that both Elijah and Elisha raised the dead before Yeshua was born. Yeshua raising Lazarus from the dead after the fourth day in the grave was truly a miracle to people used to witnessing miracles.

Jewish mysticism teaches that a deceased person's spirit remains around the body for up to three days after death before departing. It was well known in Israel 2,000 years ago that someone deceased could come back to life during this 3 day period but not afterwards. By the fourth day in Israel's hot climate advanced decay would have completely destroyed the body and the stench would have been overwhelming and unbearable. **When Yeshua called Lazarus to life from the dead and healed his rotted corpse the people and the Sanhedrin knew that Yeshua was the true Messiah, performing true miracles as the prophets had foretold!**

"Many of the people who were with Mary believed in Jesus when they saw this happen. But some went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. Then the leading priests and Pharisees called the high council together to discuss the situation. 'What are we going to do?' they asked each other. 'This man certainly performs many miraculous signs'" **John 11:45-47.**

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c. **Luke 7:11-16 NKJV** Now it happened, the day after, *that* He went into a city called Nain; and many of His disciples went with Him, and a large crowd. (12) And when He came near the gate of the city, behold, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother; and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the city was with her. (13) When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." (14) Then He came and touched the open coffin, and those who carried *him* stood still. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." (15) So he who was dead sat up and began to speak. And He presented him to his mother. (16) Then fear came upon all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen up among us"; and, "God has visited His people."

d. **John 11:11-17 NKJV** These things He said, and after that He said to them, "Our friend Lazarus sleeps, but I go that I may wake him up." (12) Then His disciples said, "Lord, if he sleeps he will get well." (13) However, Jesus spoke of his death, but they thought that He was speaking about taking rest in sleep. (14) Then Jesus said to them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. (15) And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, that you may believe. Nevertheless let us go to him." (16) Then Thomas, who is called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with Him." (17) So when Jesus came, He found that he had already been in the tomb four days.

So, I suspect that His miracles were not thought of, just His ability to wage war against the Romans, defeat them and then restore the kingdom to Israel (Acts 1:6).

Of all prophetic Scriptures, only Isaiah seems to prophesize God coming and performing miracles:

Isaiah 35:4-6 NKJV Say to those *who are* fearful-hearted, "Be strong, do not fear! Behold, your God will come *with* vengeance, *With* the recompense of God; He will come and save you." (5) **Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, And the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. (6) Then the lame shall leap like a deer, And the tongue of the dumb sing.** For waters shall burst forth in the wilderness, And streams in the desert.

Mary kept much of what Jesus said and did in her heart. Even when the shepherds came and told them about the angelic host.... it is recorded:

Luke 2:19 NKJV But Mary kept all these things and pondered *them* in her heart.

Tonight, I want to look at the song "Mary did you know". The writer, Mark Lowry, was musing on the idea of whether or not Mary understood exactly who she was delivering.

Mary Did You Know
Mark Lowry

Mary, did you know that your baby boy
Would someday walk on water

Matthew 14:25-33 KJV And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea. (26) And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear. (27) But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, **Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid.** (28) And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water. (29) And he said, **Come.** And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus. (30) But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me. (31) And immediately Jesus stretched forth *his* hand, and caught him, and said unto him, **O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?** (32) And when they were come into the ship, the wind ceased. (33) Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God.

Mary, did you know that your baby boy
Would save our sons and daughters?

1 Timothy 1:15, "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief."

Acts 4:12 NKJV Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

Did you know that your baby boy has come to make you new?

Romans 12:2 NKJV And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

This child that you've delivered will soon deliver you

Matthew 1:20-21 NKJV But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. (21) And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins."

Mary, did you know that your baby boy
Will give sight to a blind man?
(at the top)

Mary, did you know that your baby boy
Would calm the sea with his hand?

Psalms 107:28-30 NKJV Then they cry out to the LORD in their trouble, And He brings them out of their distresses. (29) He calms the storm, So that its waves are still. (30) Then they are glad because they are quiet; So He guides them to their desired haven.

Matthew 8:24-27 NKJV And suddenly a great tempest arose on the sea, so that the boat was covered with the waves. But He was asleep. (25) Then His disciples came to *Him* and awoke Him, saying, "Lord, save us! We are perishing!" (26) But He said to them, "**Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?**" Then He arose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm. (27) So the men marveled, saying, "Who can this be, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?"

Did you know that your baby boy has walked where angels trod

John 6:38 NKJV For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.

When you've kissed your little baby
Then you've kissed the face of God

Luke 1:35 NKJV And the angel answered and said to her, "*The* Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the **Son of God**."

The blind will see, the **deaf** will hear
The dead will live again

The lame will leap, the dumb will speak
The praises of the Lamb

Mark 7:32-35 NKJV Then they brought to Him one who was deaf and had an impediment in his speech, and they begged Him to put His hand on him. (33) And He took him aside from the multitude, and put His fingers in his ears, and He spat and touched his tongue. (34) Then, looking up to heaven, He sighed, and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." (35) Immediately his ears were opened, and the impediment of his tongue was loosed, and he spoke plainly.

Mark 2:3-12 NKJV Then they came to Him, bringing a paralytic who was carried by four men. (4) And when they could not come near Him because of the crowd, they uncovered the roof where He was. So when they had broken through, they let down the bed on which the paralytic was lying. (5) When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven you." (6) And some of the scribes were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts, (7) "Why does this Man speak blasphemies like this? Who can forgive sins but God alone?"

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(12) Immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went out in the presence of them all, so that all were amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!"

Matthew 11:4-5 NKJV Jesus answered and said to them, "Go and tell John the things which you hear and see: (5) The blind see and the lame walk; the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear; the dead are raised up and the poor have the gospel preached to them.

John 1:29 NKJV The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

Mary, did you know that your baby boy
Is Lord of all creation?

Colossians 1:15-17 NKJV (15) He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. (16) For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. (17) And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.

Mary did you know that your baby boy
Will one day rule the nations?

Matthew 27:11 NKJV Now Jesus stood before the governor. And the governor asked Him, saying, "Are You the King of the Jews?" Jesus said to him, "It is as you say."

Revelation 19:16 NKJV And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

Did you know that your baby boy was heaven's perfect Lamb?

Isaiah 53:7 NKJV He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, And as a sheep before its shearers is silent, So He opened not His mouth.

Revelation 7:17 NKJV for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

This sleeping child you're holding is the great "I Am"?

John 10:30 NKJV I and My Father are one."

John 6:51:"I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever;"

John 8:12: Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "**I AM the light of the world.** He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

John 10:9: "**I AM the door.** If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture."

John 10:11: "**I AM the good shepherd.** The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.

John 11:25: Jesus said to her, "**I AM the resurrection and the life.** He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live.

John 14:6: Jesus said to him, "**I AM the way, the truth, and the life.** No one comes to the Father except through Me.

John 15:1: "**I AM the true vine,** and My Father is the vinedresser.

John 8:23-24 NKJV And He said to them, "You are from beneath; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world. (24) Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for if you do not believe that I am *He*, you will die in your sins."

John 8:58 Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, **I AM.**"

In today's political intrigue you have probably hears "What did he know and when did he know it?".

It would be rude and even more so now to ask Mary. She knows.

The questions for tonight are:

1. If you didn't know, do you know now?
2. If you know now but didn't know before you came through our doors, what will you do about it?

Meeting Jesus is not like meeting just any other person. Meeting Jesus is meeting God. Meeting God cause you to make a decision: Is He a liar? Is He a lunatic? Or will He be your LORD?

Mary had the same choice at some point in her life. If she didn't understand, she came to the same place all of decision. Son of Mary? Or Son of God?

Mary chose by the faith given to her and by the grace of God, to believe that the baby boy she birthed, was not her son, but was her Savior!

I have set before you tonight, life eternal with Jesus or death eternal without Jesus. Choose Life!