

WOMEN OF THE NEW TESTAMENT THE VIRGIN MARY

Pray and ask God to help you to know Him better as you study His Word.

Read the Bible passage (preferably without using commentaries).

Begin to answer the questions using your own words.

Questions are based on the New International Version (NIV) 2011 edition.

LESSON 2

1. What truth, verse or insight from last week's study of **Elizabeth** was helpful to you?

SECTION I: Read Luke 1:26-56

2. In **V27**, how is Mary described twice? Why is this fact important? For one possible answer, see **Isaiah 7:14**.
3. a) What did the angel say to Mary two times (**V28, V30**), and what do you think that means?
b) How would you describe Mary's emotions in her encounter with Gabriel in **V28-30**?
4. List details the angel gave about Mary's Son in **V31-35**. Which one do you think would have been most profound to her and why?
5. a) What could be the many consequences resulting from a teenage pregnancy for this engaged, but unwed Jewish girl?
b) What do you admire about Mary from her responses in **V34** and **V38**?
6. a) Read **V39-45**. How does the Holy Spirit confirm God's purpose in Mary?

6. b) How have you seen God confirm His purposes for you through another mature Christian?

7. What do **V37-38** and **V45** teach you about God's Word and an appropriate response to it?

8. a) What amazes you about Mary in **V46-56**, especially given she is a teenager from a small town?

b) As you marvel at God in Mary's song of praise, pick 3 descriptions of Him that are most meaningful to you, and tell why.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

SECTION II: Read Matthew 1:18-25

9. What qualities unfold in the man Mary was engaged to in **V18-19, 24-25**?

10. What does the angel tell Joseph about Mary in **V20-23**?

11. How would this visit from the angel have been:

a) a comfort to Joseph?

b) a support to Mary?

SECTION III: Read Luke 2:1-21

12. According to **V1-7**, what happened in Bethlehem and why there? Read **Micah 5:2**.

13. a) What did the shepherds experience in **V8-14**?

b) How did they respond according to **V15-20**?

14. Considering Mary's response in **V19**,

- a) what are "all these things" she might be treasuring?

- b) imagine the thoughts and questions she might have pondered in her heart?

15. Share your memory of when Christ was born in you and how you "treasured" and "pondered" it in your heart.

16. From this week's study of such a "Good" young woman,

- a) write a truth or verse that you will treasure and ponder in your heart.

- b) write a prayer about it.

DIGGING DEEPER

1. In your own words, define humility.

2. We've seen how the Virgin Mary started out humble and stayed humble through difficult and amazing circumstances. What do we learn about humility in these verses?

Matthew 23:12 _____

Romans 12:3 _____

1 Corinthians 1:26-31 _____

Philippians 2:3-4 _____

James 2:5 _____

1 Peter 5:5-6 _____

3. Humility is a difficult trait to self track. Which of your God-given supporters will you ask to partner with you in your desire to grow in humility?

4. Suggested Memory Verse: **Luke 1:49**

