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MARY VISITS ELIZABETH



One day, Mary got up and went to Judah. She went to stay with her cousin, Elizabeth. Elizabeth and her husband Zechariah were very old but were also expecting a special baby.



When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb (tummy), and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She exclaimed with a loud voice, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child in your womb!'



She continued her blessing:
'And who am I that the
mother of my Lord should
come and visit me? For the
instant the sound of your
greeting reached my ears,
the baby in my womb
leaped for joy. And blessed
is she who believed that
what was spoken to her by
the Lord would be fulfilled.'



And Mary praised God and said, 'My soul exalts the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, because He has looked upon the humble state of His servant. For from now on all generations will call me blessed, because He who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is His name; from generation to generation He is merciful to those who fear Him.



He has filled the hungry with good things, and has sent the rich away empty. He has helped His servant Israel, remembering His mercy, as He promised to our ancestors, to Abraham and to His descendants forever.'



Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months and then returned to her home.



Later, the time came for Elizabeth to have her baby, and she gave birth to a son. Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her.



The people wanted to name the baby Zechariah after his father because that was their tradition.

But his mother replied, 'No! He must be named John.'

They said to her, 'But none of your relatives has this name.'



Ever since God told Zachariah that he was going to have a baby, the Lord has closed Zachariah's mouth.

So they made signs to the Zachariah asking what he wanted to name his son.



He motioned for a writing tablet and wrote, 'His name is John.' And they were all amazed.

Immediately Zechariah's mouth was opened and his tongue released, and he spoke, blessing God.



All their neighbors were filled with fear, and throughout the entire hill country of Judea all these things were talked about.

All who heard these things kept them in their hearts, saying, 'What then will this child be?' For the Lord's hand was indeed with him.



Then his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied, 'Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, because He has come to help and has redeemed his people... And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High. For you will go before the Lord to prepare His ways, to give His people knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins.'



‘Because of our God’s tender mercy the dawn will break upon us from on high to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.’

And the child kept growing and becoming strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day he was revealed to Israel.

**Let's Talk About
The Story...**



**Who did Mary go to
see?**



**What did the baby do
when she heard Mary's
greeting?**



**What happened when
Zachariah named his
son John?**



**What were some of the
amazing parts of
John's birth?**



**Where did John go to live
when he grew up?**

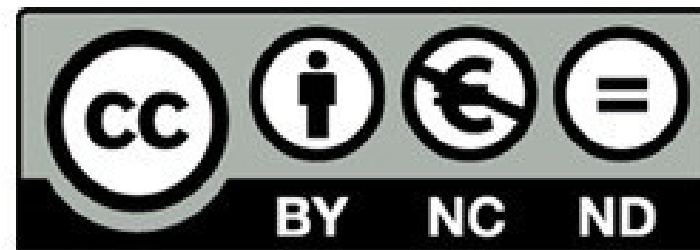


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