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Bible Stories and Characters: Mary

Bible Passage: Luke 1-2

Interviewee: Jordan Kong



Overview/Summary

Mary is one of the most important characters in the entire Bible. Like her husband-to-be, Joseph, she appears to have been of lowly station, and was in the line of descent from King David. The fact that she was chosen by God to be the mother of Jesus implies that she was one of the most devout and favoured of all women.

The sudden appearance of the angel Gabriel greatly troubles Mary and throws her world into a loop. He soon calms her fears and makes the announcement that she shall have great honor of being the mother of Jesus, the Son of God. Mary humbly accepts her high calling despite the problems it will cause both to her and to her soon-to-be husband, Joseph.

What We Learn:

God is in control and has a plan for our lives. However, Mary was troubled. She had just heard the words, "Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you" (Luke 1:28). Comforting words, but startling because they were spoken by an angel.

Mary said "yes" to God's plan for her life. She had an obedient, submissive, and a humble heart. Are we willing to say, "yes Lord," to whatever task He calls us?

Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her" (Luke 1:38). We can learn from Mary to trust God despite our concerns and fears, and to praise Him for His greatness.

Often we have plans for our lives, but God has something else in mind. Are you willing to submit your life to Him and trust in His plan?

Proverbs 3:5-6- Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight.

We can be more like Mary by giving all of our problems and all of our insecurities over to God as it says in 1 Peter 5:7. We can truly be more confident in ourselves because God has a plan and it's all in His hands.

Reflection Questions:

- In what ways do you struggle in giving up your plans to God?
- In what ways is it difficult to trust that God has a plan for you?
- Do you think that God walks with us in tough times? How?
- What are some things that you worry about in your life?
- 1 Peter 5:7 says, *Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you.* How does that make you feel?