

Mary Did You Know Buddy Greene and Mark Lowry

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Mary did you know that your baby boy will one day walk on water?
Mary did you know that your baby boy will save our sons and daughters?
Did you know, that your baby boy has come to make you new?
This child that you've delivered will soon deliver you.

Mary did you know that your baby boy will give sight to a blind man?
Mary did you know that your baby boy will calm a storm with His hand?
Did you know that your baby boy has walked where angels trod?
When you kiss your little baby, you kiss the face of God.

Mary did you know?

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.

Mary did you know that your baby boy is Lord of all Creation?
Mary did you know that your baby boy would one day rule the nations?
Did you know, that your baby boy is Heaven's Perfect Lamb?
That the sleeping child you're holding is the Great I Am.

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Isaiah 61:1 "The spirit of Adonai Elohim is upon me, because Adonai has anointed me to announce good news to the poor. He has sent me to heal the brokenhearted; to proclaim freedom to the captives, to let out into the light those bound in the dark." The Complete Jewish Bible

"Elohim is the ground of the universe that is given, and Adonai is the energy that transforms. Both are indispensable to sustain the earth and make it flourish. Adonai Elohim marks the cooperation, the transaction, between the human and the divine." (Adonai-Elohim: The Two Faces of God, Rabbi Harold Schulweis *Restructuring Judaism.org* April 26, 20216)

John 3:16-17 Jesus said "For God so loved the world that He gave His only and unique Son, so that everyone who trusts Him may have eternal life, instead of being utterly destroyed. For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but rather so that through Him, the world might be saved." The Complete Jewish Bible

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The coming of a savior, The Messiah, was foretold. There are many references in the Old Testament, and we can assume Mary knew these stories. But even with the angel's

message, do you think Mary really understood what this all meant for her life? For the world? Why do you feel this way?

John 1:1 & 14 “In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God. The Word became flesh and made His home among us. We have seen His glory, glory like that of a Father’s only Son, full of grace and truth.” Common English Bible

Luke 1:39-45 “Afterward, Mary arose and hurried off to the hill country of Judea, to the village where Zechariah and Elizabeth lived. Arriving at their home, Mary entered the house and greeted Elizabeth. At the moment she heard Mary’s voice, the baby within Elizabeth’s womb jumped and kicked. And suddenly Elizabeth was filled to overflowing with the Holy Spirit! With a loud voice she prophesied with power: ‘Mary! You are a woman given highest favor and privilege above all others. For your child is destined to bring God great delight. How did I deserve such a remarkable honor to have the mother of my Lord come and visit me? The moment you came in the door and greeted me, my baby danced inside me with ecstatic joy! Great favor is upon you, for you believed every word spoke to you from the Lord.’” The Passion Translation

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“The Word became flesh and made His home among us.” Take some time to visualize the manger scene after the baby Jesus was born. Imagine yourself in Mary’s place. Sit and examine the infant before you. Hear Him cry as an infant does, pick Him up and comfort Him. Feel the weight of the Him in your arms and look deep into His eyes. Feel the peace settle over Him as He rests safely in your arms... How does it feel to know you have the ability to comfort God? In what other ways might your actions or words bring comfort to God? Had you ever considered that you could do this? How does it make you feel? Sit with that knowledge for a while.

Jeremiah 23:5-6 “The days are coming says Adonai when I will raise a righteous Branch for David. He will reign as King and succeed, he will do what is just and right in the land. In his days Y’hudah (Judah) and Isra’el will live in safety, and the name given to him will be Adonai Tzidkenu (Adonai our Righteousness).” The Complete Jewish Bible

Isaiah 35:5-6a “The blind eyes will open and deaf ears will hear. Then the lame will leap like playful deer and the tongue-tied will sing songs of triumph.” The Passion Translation

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If Mary had known that Jesus would perform these miracles, how do you think she would have felt? Might that knowledge have made the struggles she went through during her pregnancy and delivery easier to bear? Why do you feel this way?

“Mary did you know that your baby boy is Lord of all Creation?”

“That the sleeping child you’re holding is the Great I Am.”

Luke 1:30-33 “Don’t be afraid Mary’ the angel told her, ‘for you have found favor with God! You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be very great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give Him the throne of His ancestor David. And He will reign over Israel forever; His kingdom will never end.” New Living Translation

John 1:2-5&9 “He was with God in the beginning. All things were made through Him and apart from Him nothing was made that has come into being. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overpowered it. The true light, coming into the world gives light to every man.” Tree of Life Version

The angel’s announcement to Mary gave few details of Jesus’ true nature. Do you think Mary would have acted differently if she had known she would carry and give birth to God? How would you have felt in her place? Why?

Isaiah 9:6-7a “For a child has been born – for us! The gift of a son – for us! He’ll take over the running of the world. His names will be: Amazing Counselor, Strong God, Eternal Father, Prince of Wholeness. His ruling authority will grow and there’ll be no limits to the wholeness He brings.” The Message

Micah 5:2 “As for you Bethlehem of Ephrathah , though you are the least significant of Judah’s forces one who is to be ruler in Israel on my behalf will come out of you. His origins from remote times, from ancient days.” Common English Bible

“Mary did you know that your baby boy would one day rule the nations?”

Remember that baby you held and comforted earlier? Now imagine that tiny baby – that relies on you for everything – as the leader of nations. Is that easy? Why? What would you as a parent of that newborn want to teach Him?

“Did you know, that your baby boy is Heaven’s Perfect Lamb?”

Isaiah 53:2-6 “He sprouted like a tender plant before the Lord, like a root in parched soil. He possessed no distinguishing beauty or outward splendor to catch our attention – nothing special in his appearance to make us desire him. He was despised and rejected by men, a man of deep

sorrows who was no stranger to suffering and grief. We hid our faces from him in disgust and considered him a nobody, not worthy of respect. Yet he was the one who carried our sickness and endured the torment of our suffering. We viewed him as one who was being punished for something he himself had done, as one who was struck down by God and brought low. But it was because of our rebellious deeds that he was pierced and because of our sins that he was crushed. He endured the punishment that made us completely whole, and in his wounding we found our healing.” The Passion Translation

What do you think Mary’s reaction would have been if she had known all of this? How would you have reacted if you were in her place? Why?

“Mary did you know”

Isaiah 9:2 “The people who walk in darkness shall see a great light – a light that will shine on all those who live in the land of the shadow of death.” The Living Bible

Have you ever heard and accepted a call that ended up involving struggles and heartache you hadn’t anticipated? Describe that situation.

If you had known all the details ahead of time, would you have still accepted the call? Why do you feel that way?

What did you learn from that situation? Can you bring – or have you brought – the knowledge you gained from that situation into other situations to help you face challenges? Is that knowledge, that great light if you will, something you can share with others to help them along their journey? Try to make a plan to share that knowledge in some way, at some time, as we step into a new year, so that someone who walks in darkness might be able to “see a great light”.

Loving God,

As we finish this challenging year, we pray that Your great light will shine on our world as we seek to move forward in love and peace. Guide our words and our actions. Help us to follow in the way of Christ. that we might bring You to our hurting world.

We ask this in the name of Jesus –

Your son, our Brother and Savior.

Amen