



A Contemplative, Biblical Analysis of Mary, Mother of Christ

What did Mary really know?

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Quiz 4 Answers – Mary's Kin

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1 How does Mary learn of her Cousin Elisabeth's pregnancy?

Choose one answer.

- a. Mary receives word from Elisabeth of the impending birth of John
- b. Joseph informs her after he had received the supernatural dream
- c. Elisabeth informs Mary during her betrothal ceremony
- d. The Angel Gabriel informed Mary when Elisabeth was six months pregnant with John

(a) Incorrect. It is the Angel Gabriel that delivers the news of the miraculous conception of John.

(b) Incorrect.

(c) Wrong. The impending birth of John the Baptist is significantly delivered in the supernatural moving of God through Angel Gabriel.

(d) Correct. Luke 1:36 records the notification of John's impending birth to Mary.

2 How long was Elisabeth pregnant when Mary learned of her condition?

Choose one answer.

- a. 3 months
- b. 5 months
- c. Six months
- d. None of the above

(a) Nope.

(b) Incorrect.

(c) Correct. (Luke 1:36)

(d) Wrong

3 What parallels exist between Elisabeth's and Mary's time of pregnancy?

Choose at least one answer.

- a. They are both aware of each other's pregnancy
- b. Both women and the babe within Elisabeth's womb recognized the Lord within Mary's womb
- c. Each had great blessings from their heart toward the Lord and God
- d. They are both miraculously pregnant

(a) Correct. Supernatural revelation was given to both ladies. (Luke 1:36, 41-45)

(b) Correct! Both women and the young babe in Elisabeth's womb recognized the presence of God

(c) Correct. (Luke 1:42-55)

(d) Correct. Elisabeth is pregnant in her old age, way past the ceasing of menstruation. Mary is a virgin that is overshadowed by the Holy Ghost, making her pregnant in womb without natural relationship with another man.

4 John the Baptist leaps in Elisabeth's womb as Mary and the newly-formed Jesus within her womb come together.

Answer:

True False

True – Correct. This account is so poignant, so moving, that most Bible Teachers cite this event as a powerful Scripture revelation that shows the supernatural impact that the babe Jesus had even before his birth.

False - Wrong. This event actually happened. John the Baptist was in his mother's womb for six months when pregnant Mary came into Elisabeth's presence, stirring John to leap in recognition.

5 When did the Holy Ghost enter Elisabeth when both she and Mary met with babes in their wombs?

Choose one answer.

- a. Mary shares the indwelling Holy Ghost with Elisabeth
- b. After the babe leaped in her womb upon hearing the salutation of Mary
- c. Before the babe leaped but after Mary announced her presence
- d. Upon conception of the baby John, Elisabeth had the presence of the Holy Ghost within her

(a) Incorrect. The Holy Ghost entered Elisabeth when the presence of her Lord Jesus Christ came into her presence in the womb of Mary.

(b) Correct. Elisabeth heard Mary, the babe leaped in her womb, and Elisabeth was filled immediately with the Holy Ghost. (Luke 1:41)

(c) Incorrect. The presence of Mary caused the babe to leap, leading to the entrance of the Holy Ghost in his mother Elisabeth. (Luke 1:41)

(d) Incorrect. Scripture specifically cites the time of entrance that occurs after the conception and after 6 months of Elisabeth's pregnancy had past. (Luke 1:41)

6 What does the Holy Ghost stir forth from Elisabeth? (Luke 1:42-45)

Choose one answer.

- a. She begins speaking in foreign tongue
- b. She begins her labor with John soon to come forth from his womb
- c. She spoke in a very loud voice about some important things concerning Mary
- d. All of the above

(a) Incorrect. No the words she spoke were in the common language, and fully understood by Mary.

(b) Incorrect. John the Baptist will not be born during the contact between Mary and Elisabeth

(c) Correct! The words Elisabeth speaks begins our deeper understanding of the Virgin Mary and the blessings given to her by the LORD God for her service to Him.

(d) Incorrect

7 What did Elisabeth declare in a loud that was moved by the Holy Ghost in the presence of Mary? (Luke 1:42-45) (Will be multiple answers)

Choose at least one answer.

- a. She identifies Mary as the mother of her Lord
- b. As proof of the knowledge of her Lord, Elisabeth speaks of John the Baptist leaping in her womb with joy
- c. Blessed art thou among women
- d. Blessed is the fruit of thy womb

(a) Correct. Elisabeth recognizes that the Messiah, the Lord Jesus Christ, is in the womb of the Mary when the Holy Ghost enters her.

(b) Correct! The leaping babe confirms the message of the Holy Ghost that declares the Lord to be the babe within Mary's womb

(c) Correct. This is the second time this blessing is made known; the first statement that Mary would be blessed among women is spoken by Angel Gabriel (Luke 1:28)

(d) Correct. The Lord Jesus Christ is declared blessed by the Holy Ghost specifically in Elisabeth's declaration (Luke 1:42-45)

8 Mary stayed with Cousin Elisabeth three months before the birth of the Lord Jesus.

Answer:

True False

True – That's right. Those three months offered Mary a sanctuary where she could reason the supernatural events of her life in a safe place.

False - Wrong. Mary did not greet Elisabeth and then soon leave. She stayed for a while in the midst of her kin and neighbors that had already become accustomed to supernatural things happening in their midst with Elisabeth's old-age pregnancy creating awe in the town.

9 What were some of the odd and supernatural developments in the House of Zacharias and Elisabeth? (Multiple Answers Expected)

Choose at least one answer.

- a. Elisabeth was pregnant through the same process that the Virgin Mary received in the conception of Christ by the Holy Ghost
- b. Zacharias was made mute for his disbelief in the possibility of God creating a miracle by of conception
- c. Elisabeth had been barren all of her lifetime before she was impregnated in her old age
- d. Zacharias disregarded tradition of naming the child after himself, and instead pronounced the name of John as the angel had instructed
- e. Elisabeth made pregnant in her old age

(a) Incorrect. Zacharias and Elisabeth had normal sexual relations, and through the supernatural moving of God, her egg was fertilized by Zacharias' sperm, and John the Baptist was created in human form.

(b) Correct. He was mute the whole time of Elisabeth's pregnancy, and did not speak until after the birth of John.

(c) Correct. She had long given up the idea of being able to conceive children, and it was certain that it broke her heart to be unable to achieve motherhood prior to this.

(d) Correct! The baptism gave the baby the name of "John" and the voice of Zacharias back to him for obeying perfectly the instructions of the angel representing the interests of God.

(e) Correct! Some estimate her age as late as in her nineties; for certain, she was long past menstruation. (Luke 1)

10 The townspeople close to Zacharias and Elisabeth respectfully kept their distance to allow the supernatural events in their lives to be private and allow them to save face.

Answer:

- True False

True – Incorrect. The neighbors were watching and discussing the supernatural events among themselves and with Elisabeth and Zacharias.

False - Correct. The townspeople were minding the business of Zacharias and Elisabeth closely. How could they not! There were so many supernatural events going on in their home,

that their attention was focused on God's movements in their midst. But, though there was surely gossip, the neighbors and cousins were merciful, and rejoiced with Elisabeth for her pregnancy.