

# WHAT DID MARY PONDER?

<sup>41</sup> *While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them,*  
<sup>42</sup> *“What do you think about the Messiah? Whose son is he?” “The son of David,” they replied.* <sup>43</sup> *He said to them, “How is it then that David, speaking by the Spirit, calls him ‘Lord’? For he says,*  
<sup>44</sup> *“ ‘The Lord said to my Lord: “Sit at my right hand until I put your enemies under your feet.” ‘* <sup>45</sup> *If then David calls him ‘Lord,’ how can he be his son?”* <sup>46</sup> *No one could say a word in reply, and from that day on no one dared to ask him any more questions.*

Matthew 22:41-46

<sup>19</sup> *But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.*

Luke 2:19

**Ponder: To reflect, consider, muse, weigh, chew over, entertain, ruminate, study, turn, examine and meditate.**

- I. The first two months / Mary knew what she had heard from Gabriel at the annunciation. (Luke 1:26-38)
  - A. She was highly favored, and the Lord was with her.
  - B. She would miraculously conceive Jesus - Jehovah saves.
  - C. He will be great, the Son of the Most High. “Most High” is a common reference to God.  
(Genesis 14:18; Psalm 47:2;91:1; Daniel 7:18)
  - D. He will sit on David’s throne forever, and his kingdom shall never end.

E. The Holy Spirit would come upon her; the “holy thing” born would be the Son of God, for nothing is impossible with God.

II. Mary knew what the angel told Joseph in his dream.  
(Matthew 1:18-25)

A. She is pregnant supernaturally, by the Holy Spirit. It’s a miraculous, virgin conception. (Isaiah 7:14;9:6)

*<sup>14</sup> Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.*

*<sup>6</sup> For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

B. Jesus is the Son of God who will save all his people from their sins.

III. Mary knew what Elizabeth told her by the Holy Spirit at the visitation. (Luke 1:39-56)

\* Mary is the mother of the Messiah, Elizabeth’s “Lord.”

IV. Mary knew what Gabriel told Zachariah about John the Baptist. (Luke 1:5-23)

\* John the Baptist will prepare the way before Yahweh.  
(Malachi 3:1)

*<sup>1</sup> “I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come,” says the LORD Almighty.*

V. Mary knew what the shepherds told her at the nativity.  
(Luke 2:8-20)

\* In Bethlehem the Messiah, the “Lord,” is born.

VI. Mary knew what Simeon and Anna told her at the presentation  
at the temple. (Luke 2:22-38)

A. Jesus is the Lord’s Messiah.

B. Jesus is the one they have waited for forever.

C. He will save the Gentiles.

D. He is the glory of his people, Israel.

E. He will be rejected by his own people. (John 1:10,11)

*<sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. <sup>11</sup> He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him.*

F. He is the one child all of Israel is to look to for salvation.