



## Shift Your Focus

### Luke 1:26-55 |

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## RELATED PASSAGES

2 Peter 1:16-21 | Mark 9:7 | Exodus 40:34 | Psalm 91:1-4 | Psalm 98:1-3

## SUMMARY

### *WHO IS THIS BABY?*

“His name will be Jesus” (Role of the Messiah - Savior)

“Son of the Most High” (Reality of the Messiah - Divine)

“The Lord will give him the throne of David” (Relation of the Messiah - Davidic)

In all, the OT contains over 300 prophecies about a future Messiah; and the NT spends its time documenting how Jesus is this Person. Note how Peter sums up their perspective (1 Peter 1:16-21).

### *MARY'S RESPONSE*

Mary's response to God's person and promises was to rejoice in God. She “Worshipped Fully” - she knew what God had said, and she received for herself was God was saying.

**If we want to Reclaim Christmas, we too need to Worship Fully!** “My soul glorifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my savior.” Does ours? Glorifying/Rejoicing in God means that our Hearts are satisfied in God, our Minds regularly rehearse God's promises, our Hands are occupied with carrying out the commands of God. This is a challenge in our culture (idols, entertainment, selfishness). Make Worshipping Fully your Focus right now as Christmas approaches!

## GROUP QUESTIONS

- What does this passage tell us about God?
- What does this passage tell us about people?
- What else can we discover/wonder at/learn from this passage?
- How might God be calling you to shift your focus this Advent?