

Christmas 2021 Series  
Luke 1:26-56 outline  
12.5.21

COME THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS  
Mary Pondered

**I. Expecting Jesus!**

**A. Life Outside Expectancy?**

1. Indecisive in life instead of living with direction
2. Assuming to be offended rather than seeking to understand
3. Unadaptable to change despite opportunities for growth
4. Convinced of our Insignificance in spite of God's promise

**B. Mary: Rooted in God's Promises (vs29-33)**

1. *you have... found favor*
2. *you will... conceive and give birth*
3. *you are to... call him Jesus*  
*He will... be Great*  
*He will... be called Son of the Most High*  
*He will... reign over Jacobs house forever*

GOD'S PROMISE: "*HIS KINGDOM WILL NEVER END*"

**C. Aligning in expectancy under the sovereignty of God**

- God says "*Jesus will be great*": Are we motivated by his message?  
God says "*Jesus will be called Son of the Most High*": Do our plans magnify his name?  
God says "*Jesus will reign forever*": Does our behavior submit to his authority?

A LIFE OF EXPECTANCY IS ROOTED IN THE PROMISE OF GOD  
THEY RECENTER OUR MOTIVATIONS  
RESHAPE OUR PLANS  
AND REDIRECT OUR BEHAVIOR

**II. Responding in Expectancy to God's Promise**

**A. Natural Reaction... "*but How?!*" (vs 34-37)**

- "*how will this be!!!*"
- The natural reaction to a supernatural vision is rarely excitement and usually skepticism.
- Our first reaction to God sized vision is usually not "*oh-Wow!...*" but "*But How?!*"

GOD'S PROMISE: "*FOR NO WORD FROM GOD WILL EVER FAIL*"

## **B. Responding in Expectancy (vs 38)**

### **1. Posture of Humility**

vs 38: *"I am the Lords servant"*

### **2. Position of Obedience**

vs 38: *"may your word to me be fulfilled"*

-Mary's questions *ABOUT* faith did not excuse her from a life *OF* faith

WE RESPOND IN FAITH TO THE PROMISES OF GOD  
BY POSITIONING OUR HEARTS IN OBEDIENCE AND POSTURING OUR LIVES IN HUMILITY

## **III. Putting Expectancy into Practice (vs 39-40)**

### **A. Start With What You've Got Now**

*"Mary Got Ready"*

-In her preparation of faith, Mary was decisively moved to action

### **B. Take the Next Step on Your Journey**

*"Mary Hurried"*

-In her preparation of faith, Mary was deliberately focused

### **C. Don't Go Alone**

*"Mary Entered and Greeted"*

-In her preparation of faith, Mary was relationally connected

LIVING IN EXPECTANCY WITH THE PROMISE OF GOD IS DECISIVELY MOTIVATED,  
DELIBERATELY FOCUSED, AND INTENTIONALLY RELATIONAL

- Where is God calling me to live into His promises by faith?
- What distracts me from Jesus and threatens to stop me in my tracks?
- Who am I traveling with? Do we help one another live humbly, obediently, and expectantly?