

Faith and Mary  
Luke 1:26-38

Review:

1. While it was eventually easy for Mary to believe the fact of the virgin birth of Christ, it was hard for her to trust God and to submit to His plan for her life.
2. While we should admire Mary's faith, we should place our trust in God for the same reasons.
3. God is faithful – keeping His promises to Adam and Eve to crush the head of the serpent, and to David to send his Son to be our Messiah
4. God is forgiving – providing a Savior to free us from our sin and to redeem us
5. God is our King – Jesus rules even over all the most difficult circumstances of our lives
6. God is Powerful – Jesus not only did mighty miracles, but rose from the dead to prove His power over sin and death.
7. God is merciful – choosing to bless Mary, and setting His love and grace on sinners like us

Go Further: Read Genesis 3:6-24

1. In verse 6, what are the three reasons that Mary decided to believe the serpent instead of obeying God? How might these reasons still lead us into sin today?
2. It is only after Adam also ate the fruit that verse 7 says the eyes of both of them were opened to realize their sin. Why do you think his sin seems to be so much more important than hers?
3. What is the first thing Adam and Eve do after they realize they are sinners? Why does sin make us want to hide from other people?
4. How does verse 8 tell us how sin changed their relationship with God?
5. Since God knows everything, why do you think God asked Adam the question in verse 11?
6. On whom does Adam place the blame for his sin in verse 12? Who does Eve blame for her sin in verse 13? When have you experienced this sort of blame-shifting because of sin?
7. Jesus is the seed, the descendant, of Eve mentioned in verse 15. How does the virgin birth fulfill this promise?
8. How did Jesus bruise or crush the head of the serpent?
9. How did the serpent bruise or crush the heel of Jesus?
10. In verse 16, how does God say children will bring pain into Eve's life?
11. How does God say that conflict will come into Adam and Eve's marriage?
12. What curse does God give Adam in verses 17 and 18?
13. How does God curse Adam in verse 19?
14. How does God lessen the severity of Adam and Eve's sin in verse 21?
15. In verse 22-24, God sends Adam and Eve away from the Garden. How does our sin put distance between us and God?
16. Why do you think it would not have been a good thing for Adam and Eve to have lived forever in a their sinful condition?

Apply:

1. How does knowing more about God's faithfulness and forgiveness, His majesty, might and mercy increase our faith in Him?
2. Sin creates distance between God and man, and between us and others. How does the love of Christ overcome this distance? In what ways can we share that love with God and with others?