



SOUTHBRIDGE
COMMUNITY CHURCH

“It Came to Pass”
Part 2
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Luke 2:1a (KJV) *And it came to pass in those days...*

Review:

- Learn to trust God’s timing
- Realize that God loves variety
- Realize God-given discontent
- Expect God to multiply the results

Luke 1:39-45 (NLT)

A few days later Mary hurried to the hill country of Judea, to the town 40 where Zechariah lived. She entered the house and greeted Elizabeth. 41 At the sound of Mary's greeting, Elizabeth's child leaped within her, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. 42 Elizabeth gave a glad cry and exclaimed to Mary, "You are blessed by God above all other women, and your child is blessed. 43 What an honor this is, that the mother of my Lord should visit me! 44 When you came in and greeted me, my baby jumped for joy the instant I heard your voice! 45 You are blessed, because you believed that the Lord would do what he said."

Mary: When “It” Dawned on Her!

1. She _____.

Luke 1:46-47 *Mary responded, "Oh, how I praise the Lord. 47 How I rejoice in God my Savior!"*

2. She was _____.

Luke 1:48a *For he took notice of his lowly servant girl...*

3. She chose the long term _____.

Luke 1:48b *...and now generation after generation will call me blessed.*

4. She recognized and declared God’s _____.

Luke 1:49 (NLT) *For he, the Mighty One, is holy, and he has done great things for me.*

ME: 4 Important Reminders

1. Do I “really” _____ God?

Luke 1:50 (NLT) *His mercy goes on from generation to generation, to all who fear him.*

Psalms 33:18a (NLT) *But the LORD watches over those who fear him...*

2. Am I “really” _____?

Luke 1:51b-52 (NIV) *...he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts. 52 He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble.*

3. Am I “really” _____?

Luke 1:53 (NLT) *He has satisfied the hungry with good things and sent the rich away with empty hands.*

4. My hope is in God’s _____!

Luke 1:54b-55 (NLT) *...He has not forgotten his promise to be merciful. 55 “For he promised our ancestors — Abraham and his children — to be merciful to them forever.”*

- He is _____.
- He is _____.
- He loves to _____.

Personal Action Steps

- When I look at Mary’s response, what really inspires me?
- What is an “It” that God is stirring in me?
- Which of the 4 reminders do I need to embrace today?