



#1 – Hope Has A Name

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December 6, 2020 The Hope of Mary

- 1 - What was Mary hoping for?
- 2 - What did Mary get instead?
- 3 – What does a focus on Eternal Hope produce?

1 - What was Mary hoping for? **Normal Hopes**

Luke 1:26-38

²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, “Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!”

²⁹But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. ³²He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, ³³and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

³⁴And Mary said to the angel, “How will this be, since I am a virgin?”

³⁵And the angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God.³⁶ And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. ³⁷For nothing will be impossible with God.” ³⁸And Mary said, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.

Normal Hope is a feeling of expectation and desire for a preferable future.

Disappointment of Shifted Hope

God desires to exceed your normal hopes with Eternal hope.

2 - What did Mary get instead? Eternal Hope

“The Bible teaches us that hope is a confident expectation and desire for something good in the future.” John Piper

Luke 1:32-33

- He will be great
- Son of the Most High
- He will sit on the throne of David
- His reign over the house of Jacob will be eternal
- His kingdom will be eternal

Eternal Hope has a name ... Jesus

1 Colossians 1:15-17

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.¹⁶ For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷ And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

Jesus Christ can give Eternal Hope because He is the Eternal source of everything.

3 – What does a focus on Eternal Hope produce? Joy and Freedom

Luke 1:46-50

⁴⁶ And Mary said,

“My soul magnifies the Lord,

⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

⁴⁸ for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant.

For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

⁴⁹ for he who is mighty has done great things for me,

and holy is his name.

⁵⁰ And his mercy is for those who fear him

from generation to generation.

Joy and Freedom can be yours by focusing on Eternal Hope in Jesus

Reflection Questions on Today's Sermon

1. How have your normal hopes shifted in 2020?
2. Discuss how eternal hope changes your perspective on this year and this last month of the year.
3. What can you do differently this week to experience eternal hope?

Growth Group Questions

We are currently in between sessions. The winter session runs **1/10/21 – 03/20/21**.