

Mary, Mother of Jesus.

Script Reading Luke 1: 26-38 MT. 12-6-81

Intro. Mary was chosen by God to give birth to the promised messiah on honor most Jewish maidens hoped for. His birth was prophesied since the days of Adam and Eve. No greater honor could have come to a young woman than to give birth to the Saviour of the World. Why did God choose Mary out of the thousands of young women? Let us consider some reasons why.

1. V 28 The angel said she was highly favored of God. God was with her.

V 30 She had found favor with God.

God favors those who live close to Him.

2. a pure virtuous woman. Her pure is far above rubies.

a virgin who was engaged
to Joseph a just and righteous
man.

God can forgive all kinds
of immorality and impurity
but it is so much better
if you keep yourself pure.
Direct. The call to impurity on TV Radio, magazines.
a virtuous woman is
worth more than Rubies
still the most valuable
gem in the world.

purity lost can never be
regained

Sins can be forgiven but
you still must reap what
you have sown.

Example: a mother who in
her young life lived impure
finds it hard to teach her
daughters purity. because
they can always say, well
mother you didn't live right

The example we set is
actions speak louder than
words.

surely bring peace and
Contentment and home blessings.

2. Mary was obedient to
the will of God.

It brought shame and
reproach ~~but~~ Jesus convicted
on cross.

3. Brought Blessing.
all nations have called
her blessed.

Long I would be true
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JESUS RETURN TO EARTH

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ON SEPT. 11,

Last Sunday according to a certain person, Jesus was to have Raptured the church, the dead in Christ were to have risen first then we who were alive were to have been caught up to meet the Lord in the air. As you all know it didn't happen, but it will most certainly happen some day.

In the first ch. of the book of Acts we read the account of Jesus ascension into heaven in the clouds 10,11 verses "And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven."

We also read in Matt. 26:64 the words of Jesus, "I say unto you, hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven." The first time He came as a baby born in Bethlehem. The second coming will be with power and glory through the clouds, He will come back like he went away.

His coming will be suddenly "For as the lightning cometh out of the East and shineth even unto the West, so shall the coming of the Son of man be." Matt. 24:27. Like the twinkling of an eye 1Cor. 15:52.

In this life there are many things we can prepare for The weather man tells about tonados, Hurricans and other disastous storms, but Jesus coming will be a surprise. Rev. ch. 16 v. 15 reads. "Behold, I come as A thief. ~~#####~~ Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame. Also, Rev. 3:11 "Behold, I come quickly, hold fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown."

When Jesus comes again there will be no time to get ready to meet Him, It will be as fast as lightning and as fast as blinking your eye. As fast as light travels, 186,000 mps. the Bible says much about the importance of keeping ready for his coming. "Therefore, be ye also ready for in such an hour as ye think not, the son of man cometh." When He comes, everything will be going on just the same. Will He come today, tommorrow a year from now, There will be no advance warning.

Lodons and Honosole

Illus. Man who was asked what he would do if he knew Jesus was coming today.

Illus. Preacher at home who said the Christians had so many grudges, hard feelings, and misunderstandings that they would meet in the air and get all straitened out before they went on to heaven. This idea is not true. We are to live in perfect obedience to the Lord now, I Tim. 6:14 says, "that thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukable until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ."

We are to live in joyful expectation "Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ."

Illus. During Korean War Many Christians Were praying Lord Jesus come quickly. We have God's blessing if we live this way. for in Heb. 9:28 it says: "unto them that look for Him shall He appear the second time without sin unto salvation."

Bringing back to church.
We should be constantly abiding in Him "And now, little children, abide in Him; that when He shall appear we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before Him at his coming."

Jesus said
Now let's see what will happen at this time. "Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Two women shall be grinding at the mill; ~~##~~ the one shall be taken and the other left. Watch therefore; for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. Matt. 24:40-42.

"For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first, then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air and so shall we ever be with the Lord." I Thes. 4:16.

This will be a great meeting in the air, what a great time of rejoicing to be reunited with loved ones that have been dead for many years. I will get to see Mother and Dad and my oldest brother.

What a sad time for those who are left behind. I would sure hate to be left with all the murders, thieves, drunkards, liars, homosexuals and fornicators

to name a few. The best thing we can do now is to be honest with God, Repent of our sins make things right with God and our fellow men. then live daily so that we will be ready when He comes.

The next thing that may come to our minds is the question, when is He coming, How long will we have to wait? *years ago a*

Illus. Religious group that figured out that Jesus was coming on a certain day.

If they had read and taken heed to Matt. 24:36 they would not have been fooled. "But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only." This was Jesus speaking. and Luke 12:40 "Be ye ~~###~~ therefore ready also; for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not. Also I Thes. 5:2,3

"For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.

Just when they shall say, Peace and so forth, then sudden destruction.
Final Illus. *like conditions today* My experience of thinking the Lord had come and left me behind.

*Tell what it will be like
Husbands and wives separated
mother and child
will you be ready
when He comes.*

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How to be ready when he comes.
Read 1 Thess 5: 16 - 23

The Rapture.

Scripture. 1 Thess. 4:13-18 M.T.

Intro. Our Lord is coming⁷⁴
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I The Term Rapture means
to be caught up, or away.

The Certainty, John 14:3

"If I go and prepare a place
for you, I will come again,
and receive you unto myself"

II The rapture will take
place secretly.

1 Thess 5:2. For yourselves
know perfectly that the day
of the Lord is as cometh as
a thief in the night.

Illust. Awaking and finding
many valuable things
stolen.

III Suddenly. v. Matt 24:40-44
one taken the other left.

II Time. No one knows.
Matt 24 - 36

Be ye ready. That ye
may be accounted worthy
to escape the things that
are coming on the earth.

as the Noah were.

Eating, drinking, giving in marriage,

III Preparation.

1 Thess 5: 23 "And the very
God of peace sanctify you
wholly; and pray God
your whole spirit and soul
and body be preserved blameless
unto the coming of our
Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus is Coming Mt. 3-9-88

Intro. It has been said by those who have taken the trouble to count that the second coming of Christ is mentioned 318 times in the 260 ch of the New Testament. And one who made a life-long study said that it occupies one in every twenty five verses from Matt to Rev. It also occupies a prominent place in the Old Testament, as by far the greater part of the predictions concerning Christ in the ~~old~~ are connected, not with His first coming to die as an atoning sacrifice but with His Second Coming to rule as King.

Jesus our Words.

John 14. 1-3

The words of two angels at Jesus ascension.

Acts 1: 10, 11.

11. B. This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like

manner as ye have seen
him go into heaven.

A personal, B visible, C. in the clouds.

Words of Paul.

I Thess 4: 16, 17

For the Lord Himself shall descend
from heaven with a shout, with
the voice of the archangel, and
with the trump of God; and the
dead in Christ shall rise first:
Then we which are alive and
remain shall be caught up
together with them in the clouds
to meet the Lord in the air;
and so shall we ever be with
the Lord.

V. 18 Wherefore comfort one another
with these words.

as a thief in the night

I Thess 5: 2, 3

For yourselves know perfectly
that the day of the Lord so
cometh as a thief in the night.
For when they shall say, peace
and safety; then sudden destruction
cometh upon them, as travail
upon a woman with child and
they shall not escape.

Rev. 16:15, 'Behold I come as a
thief. Blessed is he that
watcheth, and keepeth his
garmets, lest he walk naked,
and they see his shame.'
Matt 24:27 For as the lightning.
Matt 24:36-51.

v. 36 no one knows when

v. 37-39. Conditions

v. 40-41 Great separation

v. 42-51. The necessity
of being ready.
Watch.

Song 470 Will Jesus find
us watching

He's Coming Back.

Script. acts 1:8:11

nursing home

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V 11 Text.

Intra. Just as sure as
Jesus come the first time
He is coming back.

God has promised this.

Mt. 24:24 I say unto you,
Hereafter shall ye see the
son of man sitting on the right
hand of power, and coming
in the clouds of heaven

26:28 So Christ was
once offered to bear the
sins of many; and unto
them that look for him
shall he appear the second
time without sin unto
salvation.

I The manner of His coming.
as he went away in
the clouds.

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garments, lest he walk
naked, and they see his shame.

Rev. 3:11 Behold, I come quickly
hold that fast which thou
hast, that no man take
thy crown.

II what should be our attitude
toward his coming.

mt. 24:44 Therefore be ye
also ready for in such an hour
as ye think not the son of man
cometh.

Perfect Obedience

1 Tim. 6:14 That thou keep
this commandment without
spot, unrebukeable, until the
appearing of our lord Jesus Christ.

Joyful expectation

Tit 2:13 Looking for that blessed
hope, and the glorious appearing
of the great God and our Saviour
Jesus Christ.

Constantly abiding:

1 In 2:28 and now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming.

III What will happen at this time:

Matt 24:40, 41, 42 Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken and the other left. Watch therefore; for ye know not what hour your lord doth come.

I Thes 4:16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air, and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

When is he coming.

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1 Th 5. 2 For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.

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Christ's second coming.

text Heb. 9:28

The Bible has more to say about Christ's Second Coming than it does about the creation, the fall of man, the birth of Christ, His death and His resurrection. There are more Biblical prophecies concerned with His second coming than with His first advent. One out of every twenty-five verses in the new testament speaks of this blessed hope.

Remember that there are two phases to His coming. He will come first in the air and take up all of His people to be with Him, both those who are dead and those who shall still be living when He comes. Then some years later He will come back to earth, bringing all of His saints with Him. He will bind satan and reign over the earth with His saints.

for a millennium, a period
of a thousand years.

Now remember, some Bible
prophecies refer to one phase of
His coming and some with
the other phase.

His coming for His saints
His coming with His saints.

Bible pictures

Adam's time.

God promised Eve that from
her seed would come a Redeemer
who would ultimately crush
the head of the serpent, Satan
the Devil. Romans 16: 20 says
Christ will crush Satan beneath

His feet at His coming.

20th Ch of Rev. we see Satan
bound and locked up in the
bottomless pit for a thousand
years. He will be released
for a little season then

cast into the lake of
fire and brimstone. Where
he is to be tormented day
and night forever.

2 Noah's time.

120 years

Jesus said "But as the days
of Noah were.

3. Sodom and Gomorrah.

4. pictured in Abraham
offering up Isaac.
servant goes looking for
a bride. Rebecca.

5. pictured in Joseph's time

6 prophets.

micah. Study was no
more.

zechariah. Christ comes to
mount of olives.

micah - Sup of righteousness

Christ's own prophecies.
parable of the Bridegroom.
Ten Virgins
I go to prepare a place
for you.

Two men at Jesus' ascension. Acts 1:11
this same Jesus shall
come in like manner
as he went away.

TEN WAYS TO KEEP THE VICTORY

Mt. 9-76

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First keep in the spirit of prayer. St. Paul urged everyone to "pray without ceasing." (1 Thess. 5:17)

Second, read the Bible. Here is where many people fail. They do not read the Bible/ consequently, when some strange, unbiblical doctrine comes along they are blown off their feet and swept into error, When we pray we talk to God; when we read the Bible he talks to us. Let us get our daily bread from the Word of life,

Third, keep doing something for God, Benjamin Franklin said, "An idle mind is the devil's workshop!" Someone asks, "What must I do to backslide?" Answer; "Nothing!" Just keep doing nothing, and you will soon turn up at "Backslider's Station." We are saved to serve.

Fourth, Be a regular attendant at church when possible. David went down in sin when he stayed at home and failed to go out to the battles of the Lord as before (11 Sam. 11:1). This is the age of a great falling away, and it behooves us "not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is, but exhort one another daily, and so much the more as we see the day approaching." (Heb. 10:25).

and Praise

Fifth, witness for Christ. Jesus said, "Search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal Life; and they are they which testify of me" (John 5:39). Again John says in Revelation that "they overcame him (the devil) by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony" (Rev. 12:11,). It is a fact that the more one repeats a thing the stronger he believes it. Be definite in your testimony. If he saves you, say, "He saves me;" If His Holy Spirit indwells you, witness to it. The world will be convinced and the devil defeated by a definite testimony to a real experience.

*Set everything the both breath
praise the Lord*

Sixth, read good literature. Some of the world's greatest men and women have been converted and led into deeper experiences by reading good spiritual books. Paul admonished Timothy to "give attendance to reading" (I Tim. 4:13).

Seventh, keep a tender conscience. Paul exhorted "Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep" (Rom. 12:15) If we keep a tender conscience, it will not be so hard for God to talk to us. The Holy Spirit can make impressions very easily upon a tender conscience, thus leading and keeping us in the right paths. Let us be careful lest we drift into that awful state which St. Paul described as having the "conscience seared with a hot iron, (I Tim. 4:2; Eph. 4:19). and some as being "past feeling."

Eight, Apologize for your mistakes. The very least one can do is to apologize for his mistakes. If one has done anything amiss, or hurt another's feelings it is his duty to apologize to the offended one. If one fails to do this, he will soon lose out in his soul, dwindle away and dry up. Bro. Shelhamer said "It is quite safe to say that when a person new voluntarily owns a fault, or confesses his weakness he is affected with spiritual pride and bigotry." John Wesley said: "be always ready to own any fault you have been in. If you have at any time thought, spoken or acted wrong, be not backward to acknowledge it. Never dream that it will hurt the cause of God. No, it will further it. Be therefore open and frank when you are taxed with anything; do not seek to either evade or disguise it, let it appear just as it is."

Ninth, Visit, converse and pray with people, This may be quite a task for some at first, but it is nevertheless, good soul food and a real character builder. It was said of Jesus that He "went about doing good" (Acts 10:38). Much good is accomplished in this way, and it ministers grace to the souls of those who do this work.

Tenth, Do not compromise or "Tone down." Never become discouraged and give up or lower the standard under hard trials or perverse circumstances. Remember that "all who will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution," and "if any man suffer as a Christian let him not be ashamed" (IITim, 3:12 I Pet. 4:16). Under severe persucutions many "Tone down" and lose the glory off their souls. Let us, like Moses of old, choose rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season" (Heb. 11:25). To compromise means to preach and live a lower standard than is taught by the Bible; to live beLow where you once lived, and fail to walk in light in which you once walked. When one does this, it robs his soul of the approving smile of God, and of the peace and joy that once filled it, thus bringing him into a backslidden state, whether he confesses it or denies it.

"Many are the afflictions of the righteous; but the Lord delivereth him out of them all" (Psa. 34:19). Our God has promised that His "grace is sufficient" for us and His "strength is made perfect in weakness" (IICor. 12:9). So let us "fight the good fight of faith," refusing to compromise, and "lay hold on eternal life" (ITim. 6:12).

victory in Jesus is possible
for you and for me. No one
likes to be defeated everyone
wants to be a winner
and have the victory.

If we will follow
God's plan we will
not be a loser for
God is all power
full and giveth all

the grace we need if
we only follow Him
closely. praise His
name.

Let us pray. Today
Dear Lord we find
strength to overcome
the devil by trusting
in you. We pray that
each one listening today
will be an overcomer
a victorious Christian
and rejoicing on their
way. We love you
Dear Lord and want
to please you. In Jesus
name we pray. Amen.

Naaman the Leper and the capitive Maid, and Elisha

Scripture 11 Kings 5; 1. "... a mighty man in valour, but He was a Leper.

Intro. Leperousy a dreaded incurable desease. discribe.

Naaman , capitan of the host of Syria, A 4 star general
One defect which was sure to drag him down to ruin

He was ready to accept help from anyone.

A little capitave maid had the message of deliverence.

Elisha was a man of God , He was not seeking praise of rewards.

Elisha had the right message but Naaman didn't like it
This often happens when folks a seeking help, they don't like what the man of God says.

His servants got him back on the right track

The humble way is God's way
the old dirty jordan river, humiliating.

You will find victory when you are ready to take the lowly way of repentance, confession, forgiviness.

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Palm Tree Christians

Ps. 92: 12 "The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree" more than 1,500 different kinds

1. palm trees can withstand abuse
same all the way through
11 Cor. 4: 16 "though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day"

2. palm trees can endure storms
they bow but don't break easily.
"gumbe yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time" 1 pet 5: 6

3 Palm trees can survive
Drought, sign of water shortage & fruit
Each palm root is
deep and strong and
goes deep.

" Is. 37: 31 Take
root downward, and
bear fruit upward.

4. The older a palm
tree grows, the sweeter
its fruit becomes.
ps 92: 14

Ordinary fruit trees
diminish their yield
as they grow older

Palm trees do not
bear fruit until they
mature a process
sometimes requiring
50 years
a 2000 yr old palm ^{sign of} the spirit

^{Take view Nursing Home}
The way of growth 16-4-92
Psalm 92 ^{Jerusalem 6-17-92} MT. 73
v. 12. The righteous shall
flourish like the palm ^{MT. 76}
tree. 81

Intro. The Condition to be met
is righteousness. Being in
right relationship with God.
How does a palm tree

flourish where there is water
planted. ^{Righteous planted in the right}
I. Grows from the heart out.

^{Some all the way through.}
^{No bark, takes much abuse}

A Regeneration is a work begun
in the heart.

II Cannot be grafted with
other trees.
A The righteous can live
in an environment without
being contaminated by
it

III Whenever the palm ^{your} ^{book.} ^{page}
is found it is a sign of
Comfort and life.

A. in East the sign of
a palm means water
to quench your thirst.

B. the righteous shall
be a sign of blessing,
comfort, and life to a
thirsty, storming world.

IV The older it grows,
the sweeter its fruit
becomes.

Illust The most celebrated
palm known is one
two thousand years old
whose fruit is so precious
a wall has been built
around it to guard it

Righteous become sweeter

as the years go by. Ps 92:14
Still bring forth fruit in old age.
many types of Christians
with many different abilities

Ceylon, for instance, is estimated to have 300 different uses.
There are more than 1,500 different kinds of palms.
From fossils we know that they were present in the Age of
Dinosaurs, and formerly grew in nearly all parts of the world.
Fossil palm leaves have been found even in Greenland.
The inhabitants of many places use products of palms in
hundreds of ways in everyday living. They provide shade,
building materials (both timbers and thatch), and fuel. Fibers
for making ropes and brooms, and for caulking ships are made
from the palm. Strips of leaves are woven into mats, hats,
and baskets. Oil for food and light comes from the trees.
The sugary sap of such palms as the Jaggery can be made into
food, sweet drinks, and intoxicating beverages such as arrack.

IV The palm bends with
the wind but does
not break easily.

A. The righteous will
take hard things not
stiffly, but will come
back the same when
the storm is over.

From World Book

What the seal is to the Eskimo of North America, the palm is to the native of tropical lands - the source of the chief necessities of life. The tree family of palms ranks second to the grass family in economic importance. But the palms are applied to a far greater variety of everyday human needs than any other group of plants. The palmyra palm of India and Ceylon, for instance, is estimated to have 800 different uses.

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The Eleventh Commandment.
Livermore 3-1-92 Mt. Wozorene 3-4-92
Exodus 20: Ten Commandments.

John 13: 34, 35 "A new commandment
I give unto you, that ye love
one another; as I have loved
you, that ye also love one
another."

By this shall all men know
that ye are my disciples,
if ye have love one to
another. <sup>(Love worketh nobility, the
law of the neighbor for the law
of the self)</sup>
Intro: Jesus knew his disciples
did not love each other
as they should. They were
selfish. James & John - other
disciples, who should be
the greatest.

1 Cor. 13 Paul ^{writes} ~~speaks~~ about
the importance of love
and how it manifests
itself.

John 15: 11-17

Jesus said v. 11, that my joy
may remain in you and
that your joy may be full.

V. 13... Greater love hath no
man than this, that a
man lay down his life
for his friend.

V. 14. all are his friends
if we do as He asks.

V. 15. Henceforth He calls
us no more servants
but friends

V. 17. These things that
I command you that
ye love one another

Why so important,

1 Cor. 13: 18 Love never

faieth
your gifts and talents
may be few. But if love
prevails you will never
fail the Lord or others

Greatest Commandment
love for God and
others

Concl.

The only way we can
love others as we should
is by being close to God
for God is love. our
love can be made
perfect in Him.