

MARY DID YOU KNOW

A STUDY OF A BLESSED WOMAN

*"And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord,
And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour."*

– Luke 1:46-47

1. Why Mary

- a. 'Tis the holiday season – for Jews – the season which will point to Jesus as the reason.
- b. The nativity points to the *birth* of Jesus – thus, to Mary.
- c. Mary is depicted in more Christmas pictures/plays than any other character.
- d. Catholics make her sinless, ever-virgin, mediatrix, advocate, Holy One, Queen of Heaven
- e. 2017 years ago Mary received a blessing – how was she blessed, what did she know?
- f. The song leaves us wondering what the songwriters knew about Mary (and the Bible)

2. What Mary Knew

- a. She knew Joseph – “before” “wife” “firstborn” - Matt 1:16, 18, 20, 24-25, Gen 2:24
- b. She knew her children – Mk 3:31-34/Mt 12:46/Lk 8:19, 6:3, Mt 13:55-56, Gal 1:19 (4:4)
- c. The virgin birth of Christ is proof of his divine origin. Any birth is proof of humanity.
 - i. The virgin birth of Christ fulfills prophecy – Isaiah 7:14
- d. She knew the law of God – Luke 1:30
- e. She knew Jesus would be the son of God – Luke 1:31-35 → John 20:31, Acts 4:12
- f. She knew faith in God’s word - Luke 1:38
- g. She knew Elizabeth – Luke 1:36, 42 (the first Hail Mary)
 - i. Mary was blessed among women – Luke 1:26-28, why? The conception of Jesus.
 - ii. Jael was blessed above women – Judges 5:24, 4:16+
 - iii. The only place Queen of heaven shows up, she makes God angry – Jer 7:18
- h. She knew God and his prophecies – Luke 1:49-55 – Exo 34:6-7, Ps 105:6-10, 132:11-17
- i. She knew Jesus – John 2:1-5, Luk 2:17-20
- j. She knew sin and her need for a Saviour – Luke 1:47, 2:21-33

3. What Mary Did Not Know...

- a. Is the very thing Popes attribute to her knowledge as “mother of the church”
- b. There were things Mary did not know - Luke 2:46-49, Mark 9:32
- c. The disciples did not even know why he had to die – Luke 18:34, nor Mary - John 19:25
- d. If she knew any of this why didn’t she tell the disciples? – John 20:2,9
- e. She did not know the mystery - Col 1:26, Rom 16:25
- f. The mystery was revealed by the Holy Spirit – Eph 3:4; not Mary
- g. She did not know the dispensation of grace, how can she be mother of the church?
- h. She did not know what was unsearchable – Eph 3:8
- i. She did not know the mystery church, the body of Christ – Eph 1:22-23; 2:15; 3:6

Mary Did You Know (song)

Written by Mark Lowry

Mary did you know that your baby boy will one day walk on water?
Mary did you know that your baby boy will save our sons and daughters?
Did you know that your baby boy has come to make you new?
This child that you've delivered, will soon deliver you

Mary did you know that your baby boy will give sight to a blind man?
Mary did you know that your baby boy will calm a storm with his hand?
Did you know that your baby boy has walked where angels trod?
And when you kiss your little baby, you have kissed the face of God
Mary did you know, Mary did you know, Mary did you know

The blind will see, the deaf will hear and the dead will live again
The lame will leap, the dumb will speak, the praises of the lamb
Mary did you know that your baby boy is Lord of all creation?
Mary did you know that your baby boy will one day rule the nations?

Did you know that your baby boy is heaven's perfect Lamb?
This sleeping child you're holding is the great I am
Mary did you know, Mary did you know, Mary did you know

Hail Mary (Catholic prayer)

Hail Mary, full of grace.
Our Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb,
Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.