



Encountering

JESUS

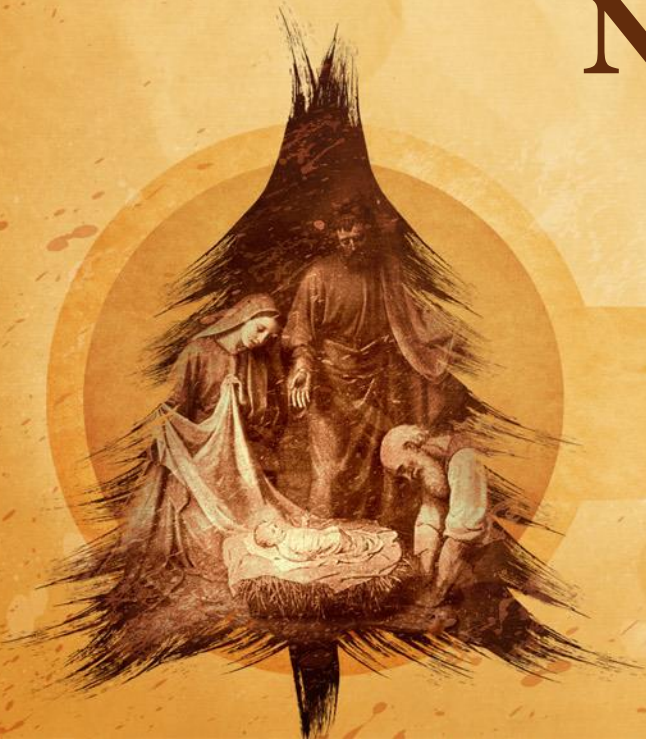
Mary

A Biblical Portrait of Mary



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**Not a Perfect Person
but God's Perfect
Selection**



The Immaculate Conception

“The blessed Virgin Mary to have been, from the first instant of her **conception**, by a singular grace and privilege of Almighty God, in view of the merits of Christ Jesus the Savior of Mankind, **preserved free from all stain of original sin.**”

Pope Pius IX, 1854



Mary's song "The Magnificat"

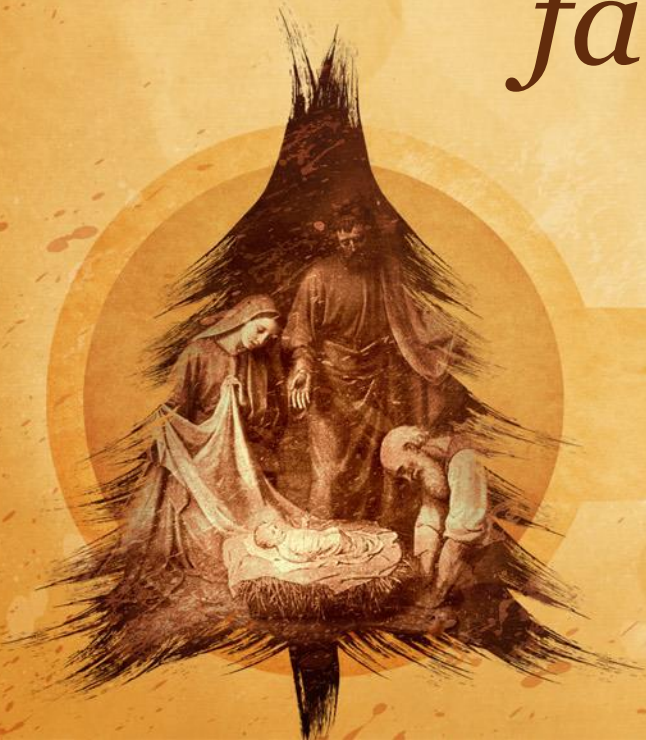
Luke 1:46

*"My spirit rejoices in God
MY Savior."*



Romans 3:23

*All have sinned and
fallen short of the glory
of God.*



Mary's humility
made her the perfect
selection for God.



Mary's Humility

HUMBLE hometown

HUMBLE upbringing

HUMBLE heart



Luke 1:38, 46-48

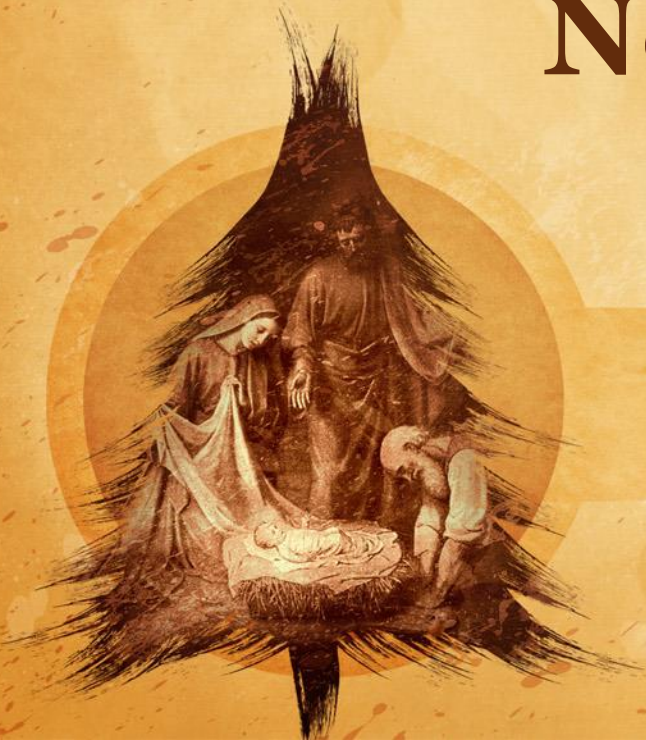
*“I am the **Lord’s servant**,”
Mary answered. “May your
word to me be fulfilled.”*

*My soul glorifies the Lord and
my spirit rejoices in God my
Savior, for he has been mindful
of the **humble** state of his
servant.*



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**Not an Object of Faith
but an Example of
Faith**





Luke 1:20

*And now you will be silent and not able to speak until the day this happens, because you **did not believe** my words, which will come true at their appointed time.”*



Luke 1:34

*“How will this be,”
Mary asked the
angel, “since I am a
virgin?”*



Luke 1:35

*The angel answered,
“The Holy Spirit will
come on you, and the
power of the Most High
will overshadow you.
So the holy one to be
born will be called the
Son of God.”*



Luke 1:37

*God's Word does not
fail!*



Luke 1:38

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servant," Mary
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**Not a Dispenser of
Grace but Worthy of
Honor**



Honoring Mary

God and Gabriel
honored her



Honoring Mary

Her total and joyful
submission in spite
of shame



Luke 1:48b-49a

*...all generations will
call me blessed for the
Mighty One has done
great things for me.*



Honoring Mary

Her lifelong devotion
to her Savior, Jesus



Mary Did You Know?

*...the Child that you've
delivered, will soon
deliver you?*



