



***Silence was Broken by the
Song of Mary***
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Pray Together

Use the first few minutes of your time together to lead your group in a focused prayer time.

- **Praise:** Spend time praising God for who He is.
- **Repent:** Take a few moments to silently confess any sin that is lingering in your heart.
- **Ask:** Verbalize your needs and the needs of others to God.
- **Yield:** Surrender your will to God.

Read Together

God mercifully fulfills His promises. From Genesis to Revelation this truth is affirmed over and over again. Conservative estimates suggest that there are over 3,000 promises of God in the Bible and every promise speaks of the hope of Jesus. The Apostol Paul said, "All the promises of God find their 'Yes' in [the Son of God, Jesus Christ]. That is why it is through Him that we utter our Amen to God for His glory" (2 Corinthians 1:20).

Long ago, Yahweh had promised Abraham that He would deal mercifully with His chosen people (Genesis 12). Throughout their history God had shown His mercy by providing for, protecting, and caring for Israel, even in the silent years.

And now, in Luke 1:46-56, the faithfulness of the covenant-keeping God is once again being proven. God is remembering His mercy, demonstrating His strength, and sending a Savior to His people.

Discuss Together

Use these questions to engage in an informative and impactful discussion.

- In Scripture, God uses covenants to establish a mutually binding relationship with mankind. These covenants demonstrate the character and nature of the Triune God. Throughout the Old Testament we encounter five major covenants, which are listed below. What is the promise of God in each of these covenants?
 - The Noahic Covenant – Genesis 9:1-19
 - The Abrahamic Covenant – Genesis 12:1-7
 - The Mosaic Covenant – Exodus 19:3-9
 - The Davidic Covenant – 2 Samuel 7:1-17
 - The New Covenant – Jeremiah 31:31-40



- In Luke 1:47-50, Mary reflects upon her own experience following the God who is her Savior. She recounts the great things He has done and affirms His covenant blessing on those who fear Him. What did Mary attribute as the reason for her personal worship? Because all the promises of God find their 'Yes' in Christ, share some of God's promises that have been fulfilled in your own life. How did they find their "Yes" in Christ?
- In Luke 1:51-53, Mary describes God's authority as He overcomes brokenness. In what some have described as a prophetic word, Mary proclaims the Messiah will overturn the corrupted order of the world and bless those who fear Him. Identify the sins she outlines in this passage. Give example of how Christ fulfilled these in His earthly ministry.
- In Luke 1:54-55, Mary celebrates God's covenant faithfulness to Israel—the nation's history is viewed in terms of the ongoing activity of God. The song concludes with a reference to the Abrahamic covenant in Genesis 12:1-7. How is the Abrahamic covenant fulfilled in Christ? How has Christ blessed you so that you will be a blessing? What burdens easily entangle you and hinder you from being a blessing to those who are far from God?
- Using Romans 4 and other passages, explain how a person receives the covenant promises of God. According to John 3:16-21, what happens to those who reject God's promises?
- God has broken His silence. How should the Body of Christ "go there" with this message? How do you personally need to "go there" with this message?

Men had turned from the contemplation of God above, and were looking for Him in the opposite direction, down among created things and things of sense. The Savior of us all, the Word of God, in His great love took to Himself a body and moved as Man among men, meeting their senses, so to speak, half way. He became Himself an object for the senses, so that those who were seeking God in sensible things might apprehend the Father through the works which He, the Word of God, did in the body. ... For this reason was He both born and manifested as Man, for this He died and rose, in order that, eclipsing by His works all other human deeds, He might recall men from all the paths of error to know the Father. As He says Himself, "I came to seek and to save that which was lost."

—Athanasius, *On The Incarnation*

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Pray through Psalm 103:15-18.



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