

Concord Community Church

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WHY DID GOD CHOOSE MARY

Understanding God's Choice of Mary to Be the Mother of Jesus

INTRODUCTION

One of the most profound mysteries in Scripture is God's choice of Mary—an obscure, humble, teenage girl from Nazareth—to carry the Messiah. Out of all the Jewish girls alive at that time, why Mary? What set her apart? What does her life teach us today about the kind of person God chooses to use?

The answer is not in her greatness, but in **God's grace**, and in Mary's **heart posture** towards Him. Her story reveals what God values, what He looks for, and what He delights to honour.

1. GOD CHOSE MARY BECAUSE OF HIS SOVEREIGN GRACE

The starting point is NOT Mary's worthiness, but God's mercy.

Scripture is clear that God's choices arise from **His grace**, not human merit.

- **Luke 1:28** — “Greetings, you who are highly *favoured*...”
- **Luke 1:30** — “You have found *Favor* with God.”

The word “favoured” (*charitoō*) literally means **graced, endowed with grace, made a recipient of unearned kindness**.

This means:

**God did not choose Mary because she was extraordinary in herself.
Mary was extraordinary because God chose her.**

Just like He chose Abraham (Nehemiah 9:7), Israel (Deuteronomy 7:7–8), David (Psalm 78:70), and the Church (1 Peter 2:9). It all flows from grace.

Application: Salvation and calling today still begin with **grace, not performance**. God visits ordinary people with extraordinary grace.

2. GOD CHOSE MARY BECAUSE OF HER HUMILITY

Humility is the number one characteristic God honours.

- **James 4:6** — “God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble.”
- **1 Peter 5:6** — “Humble yourselves... that He may lift you up.”

Mary’s humility is beautifully displayed in her response to the angel:

Luke 1:38 *“I am the Lord’s servant... May it be to me according to Your word.”*

This is a heart fully surrendered. And when she sings the Magnificat:

- **Luke 1:48** — “He has regarded the *humble* state of His servant.”

Mary didn’t exalt herself; she exalted God. God chooses people who take no glory for themselves but give all glory to Him.

Application: Humility is the pathway to divine usefulness. God still looks for “empty vessels” He can fill.

3. GOD CHOSE MARY BECAUSE SHE FEARED GOD AND WALKED IN HOLINESS

Mary was not sinless, but she was godly. Her life reflected a deep reverence for God.

Evidence from Scripture:

- She knew the **Word of God deeply**—her Magnificat (Luke 1:46–55) is woven with Scripture from Psalms, 1 Samuel, Isaiah, and Habakkuk.
- She lived a morally pure life—she was a **virgin** (Luke 1:27), committed to sexual purity according to God’s law.
- She desired God’s will more than her reputation, relationships, or comfort.

Proverbs 31:30 says: *“A woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.”*

Mary was such a woman.

Application: God still looks for vessels set apart, walking in holiness, saturated with Scripture, and willing to obey at all costs.

4. GOD CHOSE MARY BECAUSE SHE WAS WILLING TO OBEY, NO MATTER THE COST

Mary’s obedience came at a price:

- She risked **public shame** (Matthew 1:19).
- She risked **Joseph leaving her**.
- She risked being **misunderstood**, judged, and even stoned (Deuteronomy 22:23–24).
- She accepted a lifelong calling full of **pain** (Luke 2:34–35).

Yet she responded:

Luke 1:38 “*Be it unto me according to Your word.*” This is radical obedience.

Application: God uses those willing to surrender reputation, comfort, and certainty to walk by faith.

5. GOD CHOSE MARY BECAUSE SHE HAD A HEART OF WORSHIP

Mary was a worshipper before she was chosen. Her song, the **Magnificat**, reveals:

- Deep **gratitude** (Luke 1:49)
- True **praise** (Luke 1:46–47)
- A heart centred on **God’s faithfulness** (Luke 1:54–55)

People who live lifestyles of worship attract God’s presence.

Application: When your heart magnifies God, He magnifies His purpose in your life.

6. GOD CHOSE MARY BECAUSE SHE HAD GREAT FAITH

The angel said: **Luke 1:45**

“Blessed is she who *believed* that the Lord would fulfil His promises to her.”

Mary believed the impossible. She believed:

- A virgin could conceive (Luke 1:34–35).
- God’s Word never fails (Luke 1:37).
- God was able to do what He promised.

While Zechariah doubted (Luke 1:18–20), Mary responded in faith.

Application: God still looks for men and women who can believe Him for the impossible.

7. GOD CHOSE MARY BECAUSE PROPHECY HAD TO BE FULFILLED

God’s choice of Mary fulfilled ancient prophecies:

Isaiah 7:14 “A virgin will conceive and bear a son...”

Micah 5:2 She was engaged to Joseph, a descendant of David, ensuring the Messiah’s legal lineage.

God had orchestrated generational lines and historical events to prepare for this moment.

Mary stood at the intersection of God's eternal plan.

Application: God's purposes for your life were written long before you were born (Psalm 139:16; Jeremiah 1:5).

8. GOD CHOSE MARY BECAUSE SHE WAS WILLING TO EMBRACE GOD'S TIMING AND GOD'S PROCESS

Mary waited. She pondered. She treasured things in her heart (Luke 2:19).

She allowed God to unfold His plan step by step—even when she didn't understand.

Application: God uses people who can trust His timing, not rush ahead, and not complain during the process.

CONCLUSION: WHAT DOES MARY'S LIFE TEACH US?

Mary shows us the kind of person God delights to use:

1. **A heart touched by grace**
2. **A life marked by humility**
3. **A spirit of holiness and purity**
4. **A willingness to obey at any cost**
5. **A lifestyle of worship**
6. **A faith that believes the impossible**
7. **A life positioned in God's prophetic plan**
8. **A patience that trusts God's process**

Mary's life shouts one great truth: **GOD USES ORDINARY PEOPLE WHO HAVE EXTRAORDINARY SURRENDER.**

Just as God found Mary ready, God is looking for people today—men and women, young and old—who say:

“Lord, I am Your servant. Let it be unto me according to Your word.”

If that becomes the prayer of your heart,
there is no limit to what God can do through you.

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