

Luke 1:39-45
"JESUS, Cause of our Joy"

INTRO: During the “worship through exposition” portion of the corporate gathering three things typically take place. What are they?

- A) *The biblical text is read aloud.* (1 Timothy 4:13)
- B) (Ezra 7:10; 2 Timothy 2:15)
- C) (2 Timothy 3:15-4:5)

1 Cor. 10:12; Proverbs 16:18, 2 Peter 3:14-18

How does spiritual pride (being overconfident of our strength & wisdom) leave us vulnerable?

In Luke 1:39-45 Luke highlights two very important historical events:

- I) (Luke 1:39-40; 34-38)

Why did the Holy Spirit move Luke to include this “family reunion” scene in this Gospel?
(so what?)

II) *Elizabeth's Spirit-Filled Prophecy*

(Luke 1:41-45; 1:15f)

A)

B)

C)

For Further Reflection/Application:

Why do some people struggle to accept the miracles of the Bible?

(note what was said about Luke 1:37). Is there a gospel message apart from miracles?

What is the relationship between faith and reason? Would you consider Christianity to be a “reasonable faith?” Why or why not?

What are some examples of recent “evangelical” books that have really missed the mark when it comes to proper biblical interpretation and/or sound application of the truth? (see for example “the Prayer of Jabez”)

What is the one thing you heard this week that you had not really thought of before?

Reflect on the implications of 2 Timothy 2:15 and 2 Peter 3:14-18. Are you a faithful student of the Word of God? Are you striving to be a humble Berean? (Acts 17:11) Are you an eager Expository listener? (1 Peter 2:2-3) What evidences would you cite to support your self-assessment?

What Roman Catholics do you currently work with, go to school with, live next door to, or have in your own family? When is the last time you’ve initiated a Biblical conversation with them about justification by faith alone, the Mass, or Mary? Perhaps you can let them know that your preacher is speaking about “the Real Mary” and that you want them to hear their feedback as a Roman Catholic. Our CD ministry is here to support evangelism and discipleship.

Who in your sphere of influence are you seeking to lead to Christ this year? (Romans 1:16-17)

How does Luke 1:39-45 strengthen our faith concerning the virgin birth and the gospel itself?

Related Songs:

Joy to the World

Hymn of Joy

Mary, Did You Know?

Related Resources:

Think: The Life of the Mind and the Love of God- John Piper

Tell the Truth: The Whole Gospel Wholly by Grace Communicated Truthfully & Lovingly- Will Metzger

Related Biblical Texts:

Matthew 1:18-25; Mark 3:31-34; 6:1-6; 15:40; Luke 1:26-46; 2:1-52; 11:27-28; John 2:1-12; 19:25-27; Acts 1:12-14; Galatians 4:4-5