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If you want God to work in your life, humility is key. If you are humble, God will reward you.

- God wants to see how you respond (humility) when no one is looking so he will know how you respond when everyone is looking.

Luke 1:46: Mary (probably 14 or 15 years old) the mother of Jesus

- Going to cousin's house Elizabeth.
- Verses 46-79 = Mary quotes, from memory, a wonderful 17 verse narrative and sermon from the Old Testament.
 - o 1 Samuel 2:1 – Hannah does the exact same thing in the same situation as Mary with the birth of Samuel. Hannah also quotes Old Testament passages from memory in Psalms.
- **Parallel passages to Luke 1:46-55** - 1 Samuel 2:1; Hab. 3:18; Genesis 21:32; Genesis 30:13; Psalm 126:3 (use Blue Letter Bible)
 - o Asher means happy or blessed
- Mary had so much scripture memorized. **Memorization is important because what you have taken the time to hide in your heart is what the Holy Spirit will bring to mind in your time of need.**
 - o Robby's opinion: Scripture memory becomes easier after the first 12 verses in reading a chapter.
 - o It is an utter privilege to have the Bible in our language and merits it being memorized.

Luke 2

- Was Luke 2:1 really on Christmas?
 - o Some people think that Jesus was born on Passover
 - o How could shepherds been in a field in the dead of winter
- **Luke 2:3-4** - God is using a pagan leader to carry out Bible prophecy
 - o **Insight:** Bethlehem – *house of the bread or bread factory*
 - The lambs that were used for sacrifice at Passover came from Bethlehem
 - Jesus also came from Bethlehem who was the lamb of God and came from the same place
 - Bethlehem today in not Israeli controlled, but actually Palestinian
- **Luke 2:7 – Firstborn**
 - o Insight: Exodus 13:15 – death of the firstborn son by pharaoh
 - o Matthew 2:13 – flee to Egypt because of the death of the firstborn son by Herod
 - Also look into Isaiah 19 for a **Remez** on Jesus flee to Egypt
- **Luke 2:7-12 – Manger/swaddling clothes**

- Isaiah 1:2 – God is saying that an animal eats out of a manger (obedience) and people don't eat when God gives them food (disobedience).
- Manger = Jesus is the bread of life
- Jesus being born and placed in a manger might symbolize that He came, lived, and died in complete obedience to God.

Jesus and the cloth or swaddling clothes (full teaching in The Forgotten Jesus – Robby Gallaty) - <https://www.amazon.com/Forgotten-Jesus-Western-Christians-Eastern/dp/0310529239>

- Mary and Joseph were traveling back for the census and Mary went into labor. They had to stop at an inn, but they no one gave up their room because of the scandal of the birth. No one wanted to be associated with them and the alleged shame they carried.
- Instead they went to a cave. In the cave walls there were long strips of cloth used to wrap lambs after birth, why were they wrapped?
- Within the first few hour of being born, lambs were high energy and could possibly hurt themselves, disqualifying for a Passover sacrifice. The shepherds would wrap them in swaddling clothes so they wouldn't hurt themselves.
- **They wrapped Jesus in these clothes – Luke 2:12 – this will be a sign (this is out of the ordinary for a baby to be wrapped in clothes that were for lambs)**
- These same swaddling clothes were also used to wrap **dead people**. These burial clothes were in the cave Mary, Joseph, and Jesus were in.
- ***Mary and Joseph used these clothes that were for lambs and dead people to wrap Jesus who would be the ultimate flawless lamb that would go to die for the sins of the world.***
- What is the significance:
 - This is saying that Jesus was the perfect sacrificial lamb that is going to live, but also is going to die as the spotless lamb of God that will die for the sin of the world as the messiah.
 - This is a picture of the kind of ministry Jesus is going to have as the chief shepherd. 3 titles in Psalm 22 = good shepherd; Psalm 23 = the great shepherd; Psalm 24 = the chief shepherd. All three of these Psalm are messianic passages.
- Shepherds –
 - Luke 2:8; Connection to Micah 4:8
 - Luke 2:9; Connection to Ezekiel 10:18-19
 - This is where the glory of the Lord left Israel depart and 700 year the people don't have the presence of God in the temple until the Messiah come.

Side Notes

- Encouragement: Your suffering right now is the megaphone to how he is going to use you for the gospel.
- Luke 2:19 (Mary); Genesis 37:11 (Jacob)

- Kept the matter in mind – Jacob knows there is something special about Joseph and treasured it in his heart.
- Number 3 could possibly mean continuous (Holy, Holy, Holy)
- God will harden someone's heart for a purpose. God uses pharaoh's already harden heart to carry out his plan.