



The Forgotten Jesus Podcast Discussion Guide

Season 3 Episode 25

Is Mary Blessed Above Women, Or Among Women?

After Gabriel appears to Mary, she travels to see her cousin Elizabeth. Today, we'll discuss what happens while Mary is there with Elizabeth in the hill country of Judah.

Introduction

Recap: Last week on the podcast, we discussed the miraculous nature of the virgin birth of Jesus, and how God uses miraculous births and the giving of names throughout Scripture.

Take a few minutes to discuss this week's episode and what stuck out to everyone.

What has stuck out to you the most from this season of *The Forgotten Jesus Podcast* so far?

Discussion

Have someone read aloud **Luke 1:39-42**.

How do we see the Holy Spirit acting in this moment to declare the Lord's will?

How do we see the Holy Spirit fill people throughout the Old Testament to carry out God's will?

(Examples: Judges 6:34, 1 Samuel 10:9-10)

Have someone read aloud **Judges 5:24**.

How does the Old Testament help us understand the difference between the Catholic and Protestant understanding of "blessed among women"?



Application

Take some time to apply what you have discussed.

“Grace is not opposed to effort; it is opposed to earning. Earning is an attitude. Effort is an action. Grace, you know, does not just have to do with forgiveness of sins alone.” - Dallas Willard

What else does grace have to do with other than the forgiveness of sins, and why is that important for Christians?

What was a time in your life when you were trying to earn grace rather than working from grace? What is the difference between these two ways of experiencing grace?

For Next Week: Begin reading Mary’s Magnificat in Luke 1:46-55. What stands out to you about Mary’s Magnificat?

Pray

At the end of your conversation, spend some time sharing prayer requests and praying as a group. Here are some prompts:

Pray that the Lord would help us work from grace and not for it.

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Catch up on Seasons 1 and 2 and find out more about *The Forgotten Jesus Podcast*, including show notes on *The Forgotten Jesus Podcast* [webpage](#).

The Forgotten Jesus Book

Through the years, our understanding of Jesus has been shaped by different cultural influences, and many Christians have forgotten that Jesus was a Jewish man living in a Jewish land, observing Jewish customs, and investing his life into Jewish men and women. You can buy it [here](#).

