

**Unexplainable**

**Joy**

**Joy**

**is a surprise**

**This Christmas  
Through Jesus  
We have Joy**

**December 23, 2004**

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**2:00 AM**

**Luke 1:28**

**“Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you.”**

## **Luke 1:39-56**

**At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear!"**

## **Luke 1:39-56**

**But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!" And Mary said: "My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,**



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**for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me—holy is his name. His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation. He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts.**

## **Luke 1:39-56**

**He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble. He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful to Abraham and his descendants forever, just as he promised our ancestors." Mary stayed with Elizabeth for about three months and then returned home.**

**How can we find joy,  
like Mary, in all  
circumstances?**

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**Luke 1:38**

**“I am the Lord’s servant”**

**“May it be to me as you have said.”**

**Luke 1:18**

**Zechariah: "How can I be sure of this? I am an old man and my wife is well along in years."**

**Luke 1:34**

**“How will this be,” Mary asked  
the angel, “since I am a virgin?”**

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**“This is the **joy** that everyone will have when the Messiah comes.”**

**- The Bible Guide**

**Luke 1:45**

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**“It is a prayer, but the highest kind of prayer, for it asks for nothing—it simply breathes adoration and thankfulness.”**

**- Pulpit Commentary of Luke**

## **1 Samuel 2:1**

**“My heart rejoices in the Lord; in the Lord my horn is lifted high. My mouth boasts over my enemies, for I delight in your deliverance. There is no one holy like the Lord; there is no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God.”**



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**Luke 1:48**

**“From now on all generations will call me blessed”**

**Luke 10:20**

**“Rejoice that your names are  
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- 3. Who do you need to reach out to and share the **Joy** of Christ with?**

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