

Luke 1:42-44 (NLT)

42 Elizabeth gave a glad cry and
exclaimed...

43 ...Why am I so honored, that the
mother of my Lord should visit me?

44 When I heard your greeting, the baby
in my womb jumped for JOY.

Luke 1:46-49 (NLT)

Mary responded, Oh, how my soul praises the Lord. ⁴⁷ How my spirit REJOICES in God my Savior! ⁴⁸ For He took notice of His lowly servant girl, and from now on all generations will call me blessed. ⁴⁹ For the Mighty One is holy, and He has done great things for me.

Luke 2:10-11 (NLT)

¹⁰ ...the angel reassured them. “Don’t be afraid!” he said. I bring you good news that will bring GREAT JOY to ALL people. ¹¹ The Savior - yes, the Messiah, the Lord - has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David!

Matthew 2:10-11 (ESV)

¹⁰ When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹ And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped HIM...

**Exceedingly Abundant
JOY**

Matthew 2:1-12





MARY...

PTW

- **BELIEVED** what Gabriel said
- **SUBMITTED** to God
- **ACTED** on what she heard

→ God chose the **OPPOSITE** of what the Word would Choose

47 How my spirit **REJOICES** in God my Savior.

48 For He took notice of His **lowly servant girl**

1 Corinthians 1:26-31 (HCS)

Brothers, consider your calling: Not many
are **wise** from a human perspective,
not many **powerful**, not many of **noble** birth.

²⁷ Instead, **God has chosen** what is
FOOLISH in the world to shame the wise,
and **God has chosen** what is **WEAK** in
the world to shame the strong.

²⁸ God has chosen what is **insignificant**
and **despised** in the world - what is
viewed as **nothing** to bring to nothing
what is viewed as something,
²⁹ **so that NO ONE can BOAST**
in His presence.

These Verses Show the... HNT

- birth of Jesus had **WORLDWIDE** impact
- Messiah was a **GIFT** from God to **ALL NATIONS**
- **CONTRAST** Jewish priests and these Gentile Noblemen

→ **What a CONTRAST between Religious Leaders, Priest and Wisemen**

¹⁰ When they saw the star,
they **rejoiced exceedingly**
with **GREAT JOY**. (ESV)

The Magi were Men who...

- Read and **BELIEVED** God's Word
- **SOUGHT** the King of the Jews
- Recognized the **WORTH** of Christ
- **HUMBLED** themselves to Worship Jesus
- **OBEYED** God rather than man

→ WORSHIP is a lot More than just Singing or FEELING Something

¹⁰ When they saw the star, they were **FILLED with JOY.** ¹¹ They entered the house and saw the child with his mother, Mary, and they **bowed down and WORSHIPED him...** (NLT)