

HOW TO CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS THIS YEAR (AND EVERY YEAR)

Text: Luke 1:26-56

- Four ways _____ responded to the glad tidings of the angel applied to our own celebration of Christmas:
 - I. **CELEBRATE WITH _____ (Vs. 26-35).**
 - Mary's response of wonder is in vs. 34, "How shall this be?"
 - II. **CELEBRATE WITH _____ (Vs. 39-44).**
 - The first thing Mary did after the angel left her was to pay a visit to her cousin _____ in Judea.
 - Application 1: What better way for us to celebrate Christmas than to be with family and with our _____ family?
 - Application 2: We can also learn something about the nature of our fellowship by looking at the fellowship Mary and Elizabeth enjoyed.
 - They _____ the mighty works of God and _____ in those works.
 - III. **CELEBRATE WITH _____ (vs. 36-37).**
 - Gabriel strengthened Mary's _____ in two ways:
 - With the _____ of God's power = the news of Elizabeth's miraculous pregnancy.
 - With the _____ of God's power: "with God nothing shall be impossible."
 - Mary's faith-filled reaction to the angel's words:
 - She _____ (vs. 38).
 - She _____ (vs. 45).
 - Application: Three practical ways to celebrate Christmas with faith:
 - Celebrate with _____.
 - Celebrate by _____.
 - Celebrate by _____.
 - IV. **CELEBRATE WITH _____ (vs. 46-56).**
 - Mary's hymn or song of praise to God is called the _____, from the Latin for magnify in vs. 46.
 - The fact that Mary's song is filled with _____ means that Mary knew her Bible.
 - Application 1: To become skillful in your own praise to God, hide the Word in your _____ so you will find something there to praise God with when your heart is full of love and gratitude for Him (Eph. 6:17).
 - Application 2: This Christmas, set aside special time in the Word, and praise God _____ His Word.