

<sup>24</sup> After this his wife Elizabeth became pregnant and for five months remained in **seclusion**. *Why?*

<sup>32</sup> He will be great and will be called the **Son** of the **Most High**. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, <sup>33</sup> and he will reign over the house of Jacob **forever**; his **Kingdom will Never End**.”

*Literally - there shall be no end - remind you of Is. 9:6-7? Handel's Messiah*

<sup>34</sup> **How** will this be,” Mary asked the angel, “since I am a virgin?”

*Why did she not get in trouble for this question?*

<sup>39</sup> At that time Mary got ready and **hurried** to a town in the hill country of Judea,

*Did I Imagine it? What if I am NOT pregnant? What if Elizabeth is NOT pregnant? If she is pregnant, do I TELL Elizabeth what happened to me? If I am pregnant what happens when I Return to Nazareth in a few months & I am Pregnant? Do I HAVE to Return at all? Did I Imagine it?*

<sup>43</sup> But **why am I so favored**, that the **mother of my Lord** should come to me? <sup>44</sup> As soon as the **sound** of your **greeting** reached my ears, the **baby in my womb leaped for joy**. <sup>45</sup> **Blessed** is she who has **believed** that what the **Lord** has said to her will be **accomplished!**”

*1. Time to be Quiet & a time to be LOUD*

*2. John the Baptist grew up KNOWING this Story & that Jesus was the Messiah*

*3. What GOD asks of us is Never as HARD as the trials we put ourselves through*

*I Cor. 10:13 God is Faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear.*

*But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.*

<sup>56</sup> Mary stayed with Elizabeth for about **three months** and then returned home. *Which means*

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