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 Did you know
 That your baby boy has come to make you new?
 This child that you've delivered
 Will soon deliver you

Mary, did you know
That your baby boy will give sight to a blind man?
Mary, did you know
That your baby boy will calm a storm with His hand?
Did you know
That your baby boy has walked where angels trod?
And when you kiss your little baby
You've kissed the face of God
Mary, did you know?

Essentially, the song wonders aloud if Mary was aware that Jesus is the Savior sent from heaven who could work miracles. **Yes, she knew!** Anyone who has opened a Bible should be certain of this.

First, the angel Gabriel visited Mary to inform her of all this aforetime:

"Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And having come in, the angel said to her, 'Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!'

But when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was. Then the angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.'

Then Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I do not know a man?'

And the angel answered and said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God. Now indeed, Elizabeth your relative has also – Continued on page 3 –

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conceived a son in her old age; and this is now the sixth month for her who was called barren. For with God nothing will be impossible."

Then Mary said, 'Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word.' And the angel departed from her" (Luke 1:26-38).

Mary had been told explicitly by an angel that her Son is the Son of the Highest who would reign on David's throne. Likewise, her betrothed husband Joseph was visited by an angel who told him, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins" (Matthew 1:20-21). Since he subsequently "did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife" (24), it would stand to reason the couple conversed about their respective angelic visitations, in which case she knew, specifically, that Jesus is the Savior. Moreover, the song of Mary (Luke 1:46-55) indicates a great deal of awareness; specifically, she understood her Son to be the fulfillment of God's promises to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Yes, she knew!

Whether she foresaw Him walking on water, giving sight to the blind, or calming the storm, per se, are mere details, really. She was a pregnant virgin! She could surmise that one who entered the world so miraculously would be capable of extraordinary wonders, Himself! Her cousin Elizabeth was experiencing a miraculous pregnancy, too (Luke 1:5-25), and her child would carry the power of Elijah! Mary had been visited by an angel, her husband-to-be Joseph had been visited by an angel, and her cousin's husband Zacharias had been visited by an angel! With so much heavenly involvement about her, Mary would need to have been rather daft not to figure out that her Son would have special power. Yes, she knew!

While God retains certain information unto Himself, He has revealed much, and what has been revealed He has assigned His people to learn. "The secret things belong to Jehovah our God, but those things which are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law" (Deuteronomy 29:29). It is, therefore, incumbent upon Christians to claim the knowledge of His word and to disseminate that information everywhere and throughout all generations. Wondering whether Mary knew that which had been clearly revealed seeks to upend this basic precept.

## "(WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?"

ACTS 16:30

LEARN THE GOSPEL
John 6:45: Romans 10:17

BELIEVE IN CHRIST Hebrews 11:6; John 3:16

CONFESS CHRIST
Matthew 10:32-33; Romans 10:9-10

REPENT OF SIN Acts 3:19; 17:30

BE BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST Mark 16:16: Romans 6:3-6

**REMAIN STEADFAST**1st Corinthians 15:58; Revelation 2:10

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HEBREWS 10:24-25

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# "IF A MAN IS OVERTAKEN IN ANY TRESPASS... RESTORE SUCH A ONE"

GALATIANS 6:1

**CONFESS TRESPASSES** 

James 5:16; 1st John 1:9

REPENT OF SIN Acts 8:22

PRAY FOR FORGIVENESS Acts 8:22

REMAIN STEADFAST

1st Corinthians 15:58: Revelation 2:10

"A WORD FITLY SPOKEN IS

[LIKE APPLES OF GOLD IN

SETTINGS OF SILVER"

PROVERBS 25:11

"Life gets a lot better when you realize you're not the main character; Jesus is."



ACTS 20:27

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#### YES, SHE KNEW

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In 1985, Mark Lowry penned the lyrics to the modern classic Christmas song "Mary, Did You Know?" Buddy Greene composed the music in 1991 and it was first recorded that year by Michael English. It has gone on to be recorded by many other artists since then, including Kenny Rogers, Dolly Parton, and Pentatonix.

Typical of many songs about the Savior's birth, "Mary, Did You know?" contains Scriptural inaccuracies. Usually, misinformation in songs of the nativity center on the presumption that He was visited by the shepherds and magi simultaneously, that the number of the magi was equal to the number of their gifts, or that He was born a certain day. These are man-made traditions and, therefore, untrustworthy (Matthew 15:1-9; Colossians 2:8). Unlike these predictable inaccuracies, which presume upon unknowns, "Mary, Did You Know?" takes an unexpected turn by treating established fact from inspiration as if it is unknown. Rather than adding to the word of God, this song seems to subtract from it (Deuteronomy 4:2; Revelation 22:18-19).

Consider these lyrics:

Mary, did you know

That your baby boy will one day walk on water?

Mary, did you know

That your baby boy will save our sons and daughters? – Continued on page 2 –

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