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In this Series, We Have Learned That...

1. The events preceding the Christmas story are critical to understanding and appreciating Christmas.
2. Jesus must be the focus of Christmas for us to celebrate properly.

Mary's Song

1. Mary was devoted to the Lord and worshipped naturally.
 - “And Mary said,” . . . Indicates an unscripted response.
2. Mary was diligent in the Word — Most of these statements are quotes from the Old Testament. How did she know these?
 - *Would you know the Scriptures this well, to be able to write a Biblical hymn from memory?*
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4. Mary was determined to believe God, even though there had been no confirmation of the miracle. (...except for Elizabeth's greeting).

What Does Mary Teach Us About Worship?

1. I can worship the Lord when I am in right relationship with Him.
 - a. Worship is very personal. You can't watch worship!

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- Luke 1:46,47
 - b. Worship involves preparation, and it pervades your being.

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- a. She calls herself a “bond-slave.”

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- c. She refers to her “humble state” or “lowliness.”

“Because He looked on the lowliness of His maidservant, For, lo, henceforth call me happy shall all the generations...”
- Luke 1:48,49 (Youngs Literal)

- d. She knew she was unworthy but had received great things.

3. I can worship the Lord when I recognize God's goodness and am thankful for how He has blessed me and used me.

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