

May 9, 2021

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Title: "Jesus Had a Mom"

Luke 1, 2; John 19:25-27

Scripture Reading: Luke 1:26-38 ESV

Outline:

Three lessons learned about motherhood from the life of Jesus:

1. **Motherhood is _____ for nurturing children**, Luke 1:26-45, 2:6-7 (*cf. Genesis 3:15-20; 17:16; Psalm 127:3; 1 Timothy 2:15*).
2. **Moms are _____ for raising children**, Luke 1:38, 2:19, 21-24, 41-51 (*cf. Leviticus 19:2-3; Proverbs 1:8-9; 23:22; Matthew 19:18-20; Ephesians 6:1; Colossians 3:20; 2 Timothy 1:5*).
3. **Moms are worthy of being _____ by their children**, John 19:25-27 (*cf. Eph. 6:2; Exodus 20:12; Psalm 68:5; Proverbs 31:28; 1 Timothy 5:1-8; James 1:27*).



As a family, read Luke 1:26-45 and discuss the following (as is age appropriate):

- Why was it important for Jesus' mission that he be born of a virgin and have a human mother (*cf. Hebrews 2:17*)?
- Why didn't God approach Joseph with the message that he would bear a son (though obvious to most, our culture is having a hard time answering this question)?
- What does Mary's conversation with Elizabeth tell us about the joy that comes in having a child?
- How does it speak to the sanctity of all human life, including the baby in the womb (see especially v. 44)?

FOR FURTHER THOUGHT, STUDY AND DISCUSSION

1. Today, those who reject God's design for motherhood view it instead as simply a social construct invented by people.
 - Why do you think they try to make that argument? (Simply google "motherhood social construct" for examples)
 - How would you explain God's design for motherhood to such a person?
 - How does motherhood connect back to Jesus and the Gospel (see cross references in point 1 above for help)?
 - Even for those who aren't moms, or who have had painful experiences with their own moms, how is God's design for motherhood still good for us and worthy of our thanksgiving?
2. Read Luke 1:26-45 and 2:6-7. While Mary's virgin conception of Jesus was miraculous,
 - What about her experience as a mother is common to most moms?
 - How does Mary's motherhood experience reinforce the truth of Jesus' human nature?
 - What do you think she was pondering and treasuring in her heart in 2:19, 51?
3. In Luke 2:41-51, Mary and Joseph leave Jerusalem and discover that 12-year-old Jesus has gone missing.
 - From beginning to end, what does this story tell us about Mary and Joseph as parents?
 - What does it say about Jesus' view of them in vv. 49-51?
 - How does this direct us on how to raise the next generation to *"call people to follow Jesus and become like him"*?
 - How is obedience to parents connected to the "Discipline" stage of our discipleship process (see cross references in point 2 above)? For discipleship process, visit <https://tinyurl.com/ydkdspk2>
4. Read John 19:23-27. As Jesus is on the precipice of taking on the sins of the world, and bearing the wrath of God for humanity's sin, his thoughts go to caring for his mother.
 - How is Jesus' care for Mary a model for how we should care for our mothers?
 - How does it lay the foundation for 1 Timothy 5:1-8 and the responsibility of families to care for mothers and grandmothers?
 - What role does the Church (Christ's body) have in caring for those without children to care for them?
 - How does caring for mothers give us an opportunity to point back to Jesus and his sacrifice?

NEXT WEEK: "Joshua: God is Faithful"

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