

DECLARE THE SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE 2021 GOSPEL

Friend at Christmas
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1. Introduction

- a. Some people lonely at Christmas
- b. Mary received message from Gabriel
 - God strengthened Mary
 - Christians strengthens others
- c. Mary goes to visit Elizabeth in Judea
 - her cousin Elizabeth
 - Elizabeth much older than Mary

2. Rejoice With Your Friend

- a. Elizabeth rejoices with Mary
 - angel Gabriel tells Mary about Elizabeth's pregnancy
 - Lk 1:36
- b. Elizabeth welcomed Mary into her home (no condemnation) - vs. 40
- c. Elizabeth spirit filled woman
- d. Unborn baby John jumped in his mother's womb (vs. 41)
 - the voice crying in the wilderness
 - Holy John filled with Holy Spirit
 - John the Baptist excited in presence of Jesus
 - x these 2 were babies not yet born

3. Bless Your Friend (verse 42)

- a. Elizabeth blessed Mary
- b. Elizabeth blessed unborn Jesus
- c. Elizabeth lifted up Mary
 - Prov 27:17 iron sharpens iron

4. Believe With Your Friend

- a. Elizabeth calls Mary, "mother of My Lord"
 - Elizabeth's Lord came to her
 - Elizabeth in awe of her Lord

- b. Elizabeth showed response of Holy Spirit (vs ~~43~~ 43-44)

- filled with Holy Spirit
- she shared with Mary that John jumped inside herself
 - x it happened instantly as soon as Mary spoke to Elizabeth

- x unborn can hear people talking

- c. Elizabeth believed (vs. 45)

- both Elizabeth & Mary believed God
- Jesus birth fulfilled ancient prophecy
- Everything happened to Mary as angel Gabriel said
- God's Word shows His words fulfilled
- God's prophecy Isaiah 7:14
 - x fulfillment: Mt 1:20-21, Lk 1:35

