

Mary Discussion

Remember that these monologues are essentially historical fiction, based on the Scripture but filling in plausible subjective details, both emotional responses and motivations. Your first task is to decide if they are reasonable.

How would you react if you were addressed by an angel?

How would you like to be called "highly favored?"

Is it interesting that Mary's reaction is to wonder "what kind of greeting this might be?"

What do you think she means by that?

Do you think she really heard all the description of what her son would do before she asks the question, "How can this be"?

After she hears that the Holy Spirit will come upon her and that her relative Elisabeth is pregnant in her old age, is it surprising that she responds, "I am the Lord's servant. May it be to me as you have said?"

What else might she have said?

Would it have been reasonable for her to ask, "What do I tell Joseph?" and "What do I tell the neighbors?"

Could it be complained that she was not fully informed?

Has God asked you to do something without laying out all the details?

Why do you think Mary leaves immediately for the home of Elisabeth?

What happens to Elisabeth when the baby leaps in her womb?

What happens to Mary?

After that being prompted by the Holy Spirit to utter that amazing prophecy, what would she think of the cult of Mary worship?

Is God unfair by dropping so much on a young woman?

Did dealing with the social awkwardness prepare Mary for the heavy sorrows of Jesus facing rejection, persecution, torture and death?

What does Mary teach us?

Do protestants perhaps miss learning from Mary in reaction to Catholic overemphasis?

Do blessings often come with sorrows attached?