



My Son, My Savior is a movie that traces the emotional journey of Mary who carried out the unique role in God's plan of salvation as the mother of Jesus. Mary experienced the miracle of Jesus' birth and was very blessed to call Jesus her son. As she witnessed his life and work, agonized over his suffering and death, and rejoiced at his resurrection from the dead, she humbly grew in her understanding that much more importantly she was blessed to call Jesus her Savior.

The movie is based on true accounts which God caused to be written in the Bible. In one of the scenes, God sent his angel to announce to Mary that she would give birth to a son, to Jesus. In the Book of Luke, it is written:

God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you." Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, "**Do not be afraid, Mary.**"

Think about why Mary was greatly troubled by the angel's appearance and greeting.

What kind of fears might you have if you had been in Mary's place?

The angel told Mary, "Do not be afraid." This was same message that the angel gave to Joseph, recorded in the Gospel of Matthew, chapter 1, verses 20 & 21:

"Joseph son of David, **do not be afraid** to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

The same thing was said to the shepherds (Luke 2, verses 9-11):

An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "**Do not be afraid.** I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord."

Fear is a very real emotion. We become afraid when we are startled and face an unfamiliar and perhaps threatening circumstance.

- What would make you afraid to be in the presence of God?
- Do you fear that you don't measure up to God's expectations?
- What do you think God would say to you and do with you if you stood before him now?

God knows your fears. That's why the announcement of his angel was, "Do not be afraid!" The good news for you is that God sent his Son from heaven to be the Savior you and all people need. He came to erase your fears!

The angel said, "Give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." Sin is a deadly threat to all of us. It covers us like so much dirt and makes us unworthy to stand before a perfect God; we fall under his judgment of condemnation. Only Jesus can take away our fear of this great threat. God sent his Son to rescue us from the punishment we deserved for our sin. He is the Lamb of God who was sacrificed to take away the sin of the world. The Bible teaches, "The blood of Jesus, God's Son, purifies us from all sin." Through Jesus we stand pure and clean before God. By trusting in Jesus as the Savior, we can be sure that our sin will not keep us out of heaven because Jesus took it away!

Like Mary, ponder in your heart what it means that Jesus is your Savior.

- What is the peace of heart and mind that Jesus gives to you?
- What is the hope that you have for the future through him?

Jesus died on the cross and three days later rose from the dead. He promised, "Because I live, you also will live." Jesus gives us his victory over death. He declared, "Everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day."

When fears about death occupy your mind, think about your loving Savior and all he accomplished for you. Jesus saved you from the guilt of sin. Jesus defeated death and freed you from its eternal destruction. And his powerful promise is that through faith in him, you will live with him forever!

No more fear, through Jesus. Just as it was for Mary, you are blessed to call him your Savior!

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