The Christmas Touch A Time To Touch Heaven Luke 1:26-56

For MANY in the nation of Israel it was "the WORST of Times."

For the <u>MAGI</u> in Persia, it was "the <u>BEST</u> of Times."

For <u>MARY</u>, the first Christmas day could've been <u>BOTH</u> the BEST of times & the WORST of times...

In Luke 1, Mary <u>Illustrates</u> <u>TWO TIMES</u> when WE can "<u>Touch Heaven</u>."

1. TOUCH GOD WITH PRAISE IN THE GOOD TIMES.

- Being "Highly Favored" by God would Certainly be <u>CONSIDERED</u> "GOOD TIMES."
- Mary Recognized the <u>Privilege</u> of being <u>Selected</u> to carry the Long-Awaited <u>Messiah</u>.
- What does Mary DO in the <u>Midst</u> of "<u>GOOD</u> times?"
- SHE TOUCHES GOD WITH PRAISE.
- She effectively says, "My spirit is Overjoyed in God MY Personal Savior."

2. TOUCH GOD WITH PRAISE IN THE <u>BAD</u> TIMES.

- The COST of being "Highly Favored" could've been CONSIDERED "BAD TIMES."
- Notice the ATTITUDE of Mary.
- What does Mary DO in the *Midst of "BAD TIMES?"*
- SHE TOUCHES GOD WITH PRAISE.
- Mary is a TRUE Worshipper of God.

TOUCH GOD WITH PRAISE IN THE GOOD TIMES & BAD TIMES.

- There are TWO TIMES but only ONE WAY to RESPOND...
- TOUCH GOD WITH YOUR PRAISE.
- We have received <u>GOOD</u> <u>NEWS</u> of <u>GREAT JOY!</u>
- Through JESUS, God has <u>Bridged</u> the GAP man's SIN has <u>Caused</u>.
- We ALL have REASON to Celebrate..."For NOTHING is IMPOSSIBLE with God."
- GOD IS WITH US!