

# Luke 1:29

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be.

## Analysis

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Mary's being 'troubled at his saying' and casting about 'what manner of salutation this should be' shows thoughtful consideration rather than immediate panic. Unlike Zacharias's fear at the angel's appearance, Mary's concern focuses on the meaning of Gabriel's greeting 'highly favoured.' Her questioning demonstrates humility and theological reflection—she pondered why God would especially bless her. This contemplative response reveals Mary's character: thoughtful, humble, teachable. Her troubled mind engaged intellectually and spiritually with God's word before responding, modeling how believers should carefully consider divine revelation.

## Historical Context

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Gabriel's salutation 'Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee' was unprecedented for a young Jewish woman. Mary's reaction shows both surprise at the honor and theological consideration of what God's favor might mean and require.

## Related Passages

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**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

## Study Questions

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1. How does thoughtful consideration of God's word differ from fearful resistance?
2. What does Mary's humility in questioning her 'favoured' status teach about proper self-estimation?
3. Why is it important to ponder the meaning of God's promises before responding?

## Interlinear Text

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ἡ	δὲ	ἰδοῦσα	διεταράχθη	ἐπὶ	τῷ	λόγῳ	αὐτῷ,
G3588	And	when she saw	him she was troubled	at	G3588	saying	his
G1161		G1492	G1298	G1909		G3056	G846
καὶ	διελογίζετο	ποταπὸς	εἴη	ό	ἀσπασμὸς	οὗτος	
and	cast in her mind	what manner	should be	G3588	of salutation	this	
G2532		G1260	G4217	G1498		G783	G3778

## Additional Cross-References

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**Acts 10:17** (Parallel theme): Now while Peter doubted in himself what this vision which he had seen should mean, behold, the men which were sent from Cornelius had made enquiry for Simon's house, and stood before the gate,

**Acts 10:4** (Parallel theme): And when he looked on him, he was afraid, and said, What is it, Lord? And he said unto him, Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God.

**Luke 1:12** (Parallel theme): And when Zacharias saw him, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him.