

# Luke 1:40

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And entered into the house of Zacharias, and saluted Elisabeth.

## Analysis

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Mary's entrance into Zacharias's house and salutation of Elisabeth sets the stage for the Spirit-filled recognition that follows. The specific mention of saluting Elisabeth (not Zacharias) suggests intentional seeking of female fellowship. Mary's greeting triggers the Holy Spirit's manifestation in Elisabeth and John's womb, showing how God uses ordinary human interaction as occasions for extraordinary spiritual revelation. The simplicity of this domestic scene—one woman greeting another—becoming the context for prophetic utterance demonstrates that God works through normal life circumstances to reveal His purposes.

## Historical Context

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The customary Jewish greeting 'Shalom' (peace) took on profound significance as Mary, carrying the Prince of Peace, greeted Elisabeth, carrying His forerunner. This meeting of two miracle-bearing women in a Judean home became a pivotal moment in redemptive history.

## Related Passages

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**Psalm 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

## Study Questions

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1. How does God use ordinary greetings and interactions for extraordinary purposes?
2. What is the value of godly female fellowship in spiritual growth and confirmation?
3. How can we be attentive to God's work in everyday encounters?

## Interlinear Text

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καὶ εἰσῆλθεν εἰς τὸν οἶκον Ζαχαρίου καὶ ἡσπάσατο  
And entered into the house of Zacharias And saluted  
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