

Luke 1:56

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Mary abode with her about three months, and returned to her own house.

Analysis

Mary's three-month stay with Elisabeth provided mutual encouragement during their miraculous pregnancies. The specific duration—likely until John's birth—gave Mary support through her vulnerable first trimester and allowed the two women to marvel together at God's work. Her return home afterward suggests she departed before John's birth, possibly to avoid drawing attention from her growing pregnancy. This extended visit demonstrates the value of Christian fellowship during significant spiritual experiences and trials. Mary's willingness to serve and learn from an older, godly woman models humility and wisdom in seeking spiritual mentorship.

Historical Context

The three-month visit meant Mary was present during Elisabeth's final trimester, providing practical help and spiritual fellowship. Her departure before John's circumcision and naming allowed that event to focus on God's work in Zacharias and Elisabeth's family without complications from Mary's situation.

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How does extended Christian fellowship strengthen faith during trials?
2. What value is there in seeking counsel from older, more mature believers?
3. Why is it sometimes wise to withdraw from situations even when not required?

Interlinear Text

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| returned | to | G3588 | house | her | | | | |
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