

Luke 2:33

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Joseph and his mother marvelled at those things which were spoken of him.

Analysis

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(καὶ ἦν ὁ πατὴρ αὐτοῦ καὶ ἡ μήτηρ θαυμάζοντες ἐπὶ τοῖς λαλουμένοις περὶ αὐτοῦ, kai ēn ho patēr autou kai hē mētēr thaumazontes epi tois laloumenois peri autou)—The Greek verb *thaumazō* indicates wonder mixed with amazement. Despite Gabriel's annunciation, Elizabeth's prophecy, and the shepherds' testimony, each new revelation still astonishes.

Luke's reference to 'his father' uses social convention, not biological reality—Joseph functioned as Jesus's legal father though not genetic progenitor. Their continued amazement shows that divine revelation unfolds progressively; even those closest to Jesus continually discovered deeper dimensions of His identity. Faith doesn't eliminate wonder but intensifies it as God's purposes gradually reveal themselves.

Historical Context

First-century Jewish parents would normally hear standard priestly blessings at temple presentations. Simeon's prophetic oracle—delivered by a stranger yet clearly authoritative—exponentially exceeded routine blessings. His words of universal salvation through their infant would have seemed almost incomprehensible in scope.

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Study Questions

1. Why do Mary and Joseph continue marvelling despite previous revelations about Jesus's identity?
2. How does their ongoing amazement model the proper posture of faith—not knowing everything but trusting progressively revealed truth?

Interlinear Text

καὶ	ἦν	Ἰωσήφ	καὶ	ἡ	μήτηρ	αὐτοῦ	θαυμάζοντες
And	marvelled	Joseph	And	^{G3588}	mother	him	^{G2296}
^{G2532}	^{G2258}	^{G2501}	^{G2532}		^{G3384}	^{G846}	
ἐπὶ	τοῖς	λαλουμένοις	περὶ	αὐτοῦ			
at	^{G3588}	those things which were spoken	of	him			
^{G1909}		^{G2980}	^{G4012}	^{G846}			

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