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I left the community meeting Tuesday night "high on Jesus". His joy has filled my heart. I thanked God that He would even consider using me as a vessel to bring glory to His powerful name. It was during that time of personal worship that these words came into my heart, "let Jesus be born again!"

Mary was a carefully-chosen vessel who God used to be the Mother of Jesus. She had a humble, gentle and quiet spirit, and until this miracle of mothering the Messiah she had no reputation at all. Luke 1 says Mary rejoiced at receiving the honor of being used by God for His purposes.

Each of us has that same God chosen gift within us. We are empowered to allow Jesus to be born again in us; that the life of Christ may flow out of us to others. Through our obedience to God's will, others will see and come to know Christ as their Lord and Savior. When we are of no reputation Christ fills us with his majesty, glory and honor and His life will flow out of us. As the old hymn says, "others and know and believe."

So I encourage each of us to rejoice at the honor of being a carefully-chosen vessel of honor to be used by God during this joyous holiday season. May Christ be born again in us!