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## Notes

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Dr. Joseph J. Palackal, CMI answers a question from Fr. William Nellkkal, the director of the Malayalam section of the Vatican Radio, on the oldest Christian chant in India. What follows is an interesting and intellectually stimulating conversation on the research possibilities on Christian music of India. This was the second interview on Vatican Radio. Broadcast on January 2016 <http://thecmsindia.org/bar-maryam-son...>

During a friendly and free-spirited interview for the Malayalam section of the Vatican Radio, Fr. William Nellikkal came out with a difficult question on the earliest known Christian chant in India. My answer may be controversial. I would like informed viewers to challenge my argument and come up with their ideas. The answer, however, shows that Christian music of India in general, and Syriac chants in India, in particular, can be topics for deep doctoral researches in multiple disciplines at the musical, cultural, linguistic, theology, religion, and Anthropology departments of universities.

A correction for [2:54](#). The phrase, "Son of Mary," does appear in Mk 6:3. My apologies.

More information on this chant is available on our Encyclopedia of Syriac Chants. <http://thecmsindia.org/bar-maryam-son...>

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