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Christmas Revelations - Mary

Luke 1:46-55
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Using This Study

❶ EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

❷ EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.



The second proclamation that we are going to look at in Luke is the song of Mary. After Mary meets with her relative Elizabeth, who is pregnant with John the Baptist, she burst into a song praising God. Her song sings of her humble position and of the greatness of God. She is declaring the greatness of God not only because of what He is doing for her, but also because of what He is doing for the world. Today we will look at the source of the joy that we find in Mary's song and see how we can identify that same joy in our lives.



EXAMINE His Word (Observation)

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in these passages.

Read Luke 1:46-55 (NET)

And Mary said, "My soul exalts the Lord,
⁴⁷ and my spirit has begun to rejoice in God my Savior, ⁴⁸ because he has looked upon the humble state of his servant. For from now on all generations will call me blessed, ⁴⁹ because he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name; ⁵⁰ from generation to generation he is merciful to those who fear him.

⁵¹ He has demonstrated power with his arm; he has scattered those whose pride wells up from the sheer arrogance of their hearts.

⁵² He has brought down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up those of lowly position; ⁵³ he has filled the hungry with good things, and has sent the rich away empty.

⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel, remembering his mercy, ⁵⁵ as he promised to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

1. Who is involved in the text? Author, audience, main characters.
2. Where and when is this taking place? Geography and timeline.
3. What actions are carried out or commanded? Look for the verbs.
4. Is there anything repeated?

5. What is emphasized?

6. What is in these passages that is related to other areas of scripture?

7. Are there things to be noted that are alike or unlike such as similes and metaphors?

② **EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation)**

What does God MEAN?

8. How is God merciful to those that fear Him?

9. Do you think Mary felt worthy of what God was doing through her? Give support for your opinion from the text.

10. In verse 52, it says that God has brought down the might from their thrones and has lifted up those of lowly position. How do we see this fulfilled?

11. In verse 48, Mary refers to herself as in a humble state. What is Mary's humble state?

12. In verses 49 and 50, what three attributes of God does Mary bring out?

③ EMBRACE His Word (Application)

Why does this MATTER to me?

13. Why should we approach the Christmas season in humility as Mary did? How do we do that?

14. In this passage, Mary sings of God's greatness. How can we declare God's greatness this Christmas season?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage:

Write about what God wants you to KNOW, to FEEL, and to DO...

SERMON NOTES