

— Luke 1.26-56 —
Luke's Advent of Christ 3
Mary Visits Elizabeth

♦ Lk 1.39 Now Mary arose in those days and went into the hill country with haste, to a city of Judah, 40 and entered the house of Zacharias and greeted Elizabeth.

► Mary lives in _____ of Galilee, north of Judea and Samaria. She is traveling at least _____ miles to the hill country of Judah, which was just south of Jerusalem – about a ____ day journey. This shows her _____ for Elizabeth and her excitement over her pregnancy.

♦ 41 And it happened, when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, that the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. 42 Then she spoke out with a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! 43 But why is this granted to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? 44 For indeed, as soon as the voice of your greeting sounded in my ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy. 45 Blessed is she who believed, for there will be a fulfillment of those things which were told her from the Lord."

► Mary's greeting would customarily contain some token of _____ for her older relative, but Elizabeth by the Holy Spirit bursts out with a statement of honor for Mary and her child within – and Elizabeth's child within also pays honor by _____ for joy.

► One of the features of Luke's advent account is diverse individuals bearing _____ to Messiah Jesus.

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____
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- 5) _____
- 6) _____
- 7) _____
- 8) _____
- 9) _____

10) _____

Jn 15.26 "[T]he Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me. 27 And you also will bear witness"

♦ 46 And Mary said: "My soul magnifies the Lord, 47 And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior.

48 For He has regarded the lowly state of His maidservant; For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed. 49 For He who is mighty has done great things for me, And holy is His name.

50 And His mercy is on those who fear Him From generation to generation. 51 He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. 52 He has put down the mighty from their thrones, And exalted the lowly. 53 He has filled the hungry with good things, And the rich He has sent away empty.

54 He has helped His servant Israel, In remembrance of His mercy. 55 As He spoke to our fathers, To Abraham and to his seed forever."

► Mary's song is often called the Magnificat based on the opening line (46-47), in which Mary gives us the theme: Mary magnifying the Lord and rejoicing in God her

_____. In the rest, Mary will show us what it means for God to be Savior, as she rejoices over what God has done for _____ (48-49); What God has done for the _____ (50-53); And what God has done for _____ (54-55). In her rejoicing, Mary speaks of God's salvation and its effect upon the world as though they were already accomplished and complete, (1) because the process of fulfillment was already underway, and (2) its completion was as _____ as if it had already occurred. In the song, both Mary and Israel are _____ servants (48, 54). Yet God in his _____ has done great things for both of them (49-50, 54-55), and the beneficiary is the whole _____ (50-53). God's mercy (Hb., *hesed*) is His never-failing, covenant-keeping _____ by which God _____ himself to us by oath forever and fulfills that oath even when it requires Him to _____ one of us, _____ for us, _____ for us, and _____ for us.

Gal 3.8 [T]he Scripture foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel to Abraham beforehand, saying, "In you all the nations shall be blessed." 9 So then those who are of faith are blessed with believing Abraham ... 29 [I]f you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

► The lowly vs mighty, hungry vs rich, language of 50-53 and similar passages is often misunderstood and misappropriated to further totalitarian revolutionary schemes designed to _____ society with an enlightened elite in control to ensure _____ of outcomes among the ordinary, all in the name of “fairness” and “justice.” These schemes view low and high, “oppressed” and “privileged,” purely in _____ terms: Income, possessions, race, sex, etc. God does _____ do that in the Bible. For God, the fundamental issue is whether one makes himself _____ by _____ before God, in which case God will _____ him; Or whether one makes himself _____ by refusing to honor God, in which case God will bring him _____. “_____” in the Bible may refer to one’s financial condition, but it used especially to refer to those who _____ for righteousness sake.

Ps 95.6 Oh come, let us worship and bow down; Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.

Mt 23.12 “Whoever exalts [lit., lifts up] himself will be humbled [lit., made low], and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

Phil 2.8 He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. 9 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow

Jm 4.6 & 1Pt 5.5 “God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble [lit., the low].” (Quoting Prov 3.34)

Ps 34.6 This poor man cried out, and the LORD heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles.

Ps 37.14 The wicked have drawn the sword and have bent their bow, to cast down the poor and needy, to slay those who are of upright conduct.

Mt 5.3 Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven ... 10 Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. 12 [S]o they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

2Pt 2.7 [R]ighteous Lot ... was oppressed by the filthy conduct of the wicked 8 (for that righteous man, dwelling among them, [was] tormented [in] his righteous soul ... by seeing and hearing their lawless deeds

Ps 37.9 For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who wait on the LORD, they shall inherit the earth. 10 For yet a little while and the wicked shall be no more ... 11 but the meek shall inherit the earth ... 22 For those blessed by Him shall inherit the earth, but those cursed by Him shall be cut off.

“Meek” – bowed down, i.e., before the LORD

“Blessed” – from “knee,” thus to kneel and be blessed

See Mt 5.5 “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth”

♦ 56 And Mary remained with her about three months, and returned to her house.

► M & E comforted and _____ with one another.

► In the first century, the risen and reigning Christ gave a demonstration of how he will preside over all peoples going forward. Christ gave Israel and its leadership almost forty years of _____ preaching, during which the leadership doubled down in its persecution of the church. At the end of that time, Christ _____ the tables, brought destruction upon apostate Jerusalem, and _____ the church, comprised of Jews and Gentiles, as the true people of God. The first disciples had to stand for the gospel in the face of the false gospel of a Christless Judaism that persecuted the church. We must stand against a different false gospel – that of _____ politics preached in support of another totalitarian movement to remake society underneath an enlightened elite. Believers must once again stand and suffer for righteousness sake, but we do so knowing that we shall inherit the earth and the kingdom.

1Pt 5.6 [H]umble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, 7 casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.