



Mary Rejoices

Luke 1:39-56

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Outline

Read the sermon passage and review the main points of the sermon below:

I. The Good News of Jesus Compels Belief

II. The Good News of Jesus Demands Worship

III. The Good News of Jesus Offers Hope

Sermon Discussion:

I. Conversation Starter Questions

- A. Do you like Musicals? If so, what's your favorite?
- B. Of all that was going on in Mary's life, what aspect would seem most difficult for you?
- C. Has there been a time in your life that you were rocked—anyone willing to share some of what happened?
- D. Would anyone want to share his or her experience of going from unbelief to belief in Jesus?
- E. Does anyone struggle with imposing promises on God?
- F. What can a lack of hope/despair look like especially at this time of the year in some people's lives and the world around us.

II. Application Questions

- A. Considering Piper's Quote:

"What an admonition to us all, both women and men (young and old—Mary probably was not over 15): to steep our minds and hearts in the Scriptures day and night so that the words and thoughts of Scripture fill our mouths as naturally as they did Mary's."

How could you *steep your minds and hearts* in the Scriptures so that your responses to life are filled with praise and thankfulness?

- B. What are specific ways in your life you can see God's Mercy, Strength and Might, and Promises?

C. Consider writing your own "magnificat" with words that magnify the Lord. Write 3-5 things about God (what He is like, what He has done). Read them aloud to the Lord this week, praising Him from your heart. Perhaps you can share it with someone else to magnify the Lord in their eyes as well.

III. Gospel Connection – Jesus is proof of God's nearness and goodness to us. No matter what our circumstances, feelings, and experiences, our faith is in who He is and what He has done for us!

IV. Prayer Focus Ideas

- A. God is near and He is good – do you struggle to believe these things? Ask the Lord to help you know these gifts this season. How is He calling you to know these things are true?
- B. Focus on thankfulness for His mercy, strength and might, and His promises.