

# Luke: The Heart of Christmas

## 1. The Players in the Christmas Story

- A. All had one focus as the birth of Christ unfolds – what was it? \_\_\_\_\_
1. One focus...the greatness and glory of God!  
\*Elizabeth (1:39-45, with 48,49). \*Zacharias (1:68). \*Angels (2:13,14). \*Shepherds (2:20).  
\*Simeon (2:28). \*Anna (2:38). \*Mary (1:46) \*Even wisemen, 2 yrs later, in Matt.2:2
  2. The focus and central Figure of all Scripture, all time and eternity is ONLY GOD!!!
- B. Mary was a \_\_\_\_\_ in need of a Savior
1. She knew God as her Savior from her sin (**1:46**) *\*not a, or, the Savior, but MY Savior!*
  2. She offered a sin offering for her sins at the temple (**2:21-24**) *\*see Lev12*
  3. Jesus Himself said that John was the greatest born of women, not Mary, and the least in the Kingdom of God was greater than John. (**Matt11:11**)  
*\*Also consider how Jesus followed this up when told his mother and brothers were present to see Him...Matt12:46-50*
  4. Elizabeth speaks of God's blessing on Mary, and she immediately responds with only worship to God for who He is and what He has done!

## 2. The Heart of Christmas is Worshipping God Alone! (1:46-55)

- A. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Worship
1. Worship is \_\_\_\_\_ – soul and spirit, whole being filled w/ Scripture, **TRUTH** is the key!
  2. Worship is \_\_\_\_\_ - Exalts the Lord (**vs.46**) – magnifies, enlarge, growing intensity  
*\*Rejoiced (vs.47) – overjoyed, unspeakable, loud joy*
  3. Worship is \_\_\_\_\_ ... exalts and rejoices are in present tense verb means continual action
  4. Worship is \_\_\_\_\_ (**vs.48**) – bondsman and recipient of Divine grace (**Isaiah66:1-2**)  
*\*Luke18:10-14 – the tax collector vs. the Pharisee...Is57:15!*  
*\*What causes humility is seeing our \_\_\_\_\_ sin, in light of God's holiness!*
- B. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Worship
1. Lord, God my Savior (**vs.47**) *\*God save from sin and hell; Day of the LORD  
\*\*\*Coming of Messiah was always about God's salvation from sin/darkness; Lk2:10-11;  
Matt1:21; Jesus – Yeshua – Yahweh saves! \*Is9:2; 2Sam22:47; 25:5; 79:9; Is52:7,10 – over 100x in OT*
  2. The Mighty One (**vs.49-50**) all power; who is holy, holy, holy; has had mercy on me and all who fear Him
- C. The \_\_\_\_\_ for Worship (**vs.50-55**) **\*\*\*God's** \_\_\_\_\_
1. the great deeds of God in past history – she recounts His mighty deeds for Israel
  2. the great deeds of God in her own personal life and what He will do in future generations!
  3. She believed the promises of God from Gen12 to Abraham; **she knew Job38-42!!!**

## 3. How will YOU worship God this Christmas?!!!

1. Mary heard the Word of God, believed with whole heart, and acted upon it no matter the consequences and this caused her to break out into praise and Worship to God!  
*\*Will you do this?!!! \_\_\_\_\_*
2. Two Reasons your worship may be dull:
  1. You have \_\_\_\_\_ God and His Salvation in the midst of all life's issues and things
  2. You have \_\_\_\_\_ obeying His Word by faith and become \_\_\_\_\_ in disobedience
3. Do you remember and believe the mighty deeds of God in Scripture and in your life?