

TOPICAL MESSAGE | "HE IS MAGNIFICAT" | Luke 1:39-55

② INTRO

- Title play on expression
- The magnificat associated with Mary, but it's about Christ

• Magnificat

- utterance of praise
- specifically refers to Mary's hymn of praise
- "magnify"

• Luke 1:46 - "my soul doth magnify the Lord"

Translate • enlarge, shew great

Definition • to make great in representation; to extol, exalt
• to elevate

Context Account

- Luke 1:5-25 = From Gabriel to Zacharias to Elizabeth's miraculous conception (:18)
- Luke 1:26-38 = From Gabriel to Mary's response
- Luke 1:39-55 = Magnificat

• Mary's Confirmation

- ① Personal = :39-40 | Went to Elizabeth
- ② Physical = :41-45 | JTB leaping (first, but silent prophecy)
- ③ Prophetic = :41-45 | Elizabeth's prophecy

:46-55 = Magnificat

① :46-47 = Initial Magnification

② :48-55 = Reasons

Ⓐ Personal Blessing (:48-49)

Ⓑ General Blessing (:50-55)

① Works toward lowly & proud (:50-53)

② Works toward nation at large (:54-55)

I. PREVIEW:

- ① The Miracle of the Incarnation
- ② The Meaning of the Incarnation

III. SERMON:

① The Miracle of the Incarnation

- ② Not simply Elizabeth's conception (stricken in years)
- ③ Not simply the virgin conception (not knowing a man)
- ④ The Word became flesh

① The Glory of Christ

② His Descension -

③ The Life of His Descension

① The Glory of Christ

- Col. 1:19 - "For it pleased the Father that in Him should all fulness dwell"
- Col. 2:9 - "For in Him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily."
- Col. 2:10 - "head of all principality & power"
- Col. 1:15 - "image of the invisible God"
- 1b - "created all things . . . by Him, and for Him" (Eph. 3:9)
- Heb 1:2 - "appointed heir of all things"
- 3 - "brightness of God's glory"
- 3 - "upholding all things by the word of His power"
- Eph 3:11 - "eternal purpose . . . purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord."
- Php 2:6 - "thought not robbery to be equal with God:"
- Jw. 1:14 - "only begotten of the Father)"
- 3:31 - "He that cometh from heaven is above all."
- 17:5 - "the glory which I had with thee before the world was."
- 2 Cor. 8:9 - "though He was rich."

② His Descension

- by virtue of His glory ^{measure of} any descension would reveal humility, love, and glory
- He does descend

• Thus

- fulness would come down
- the head of all things would place Himself as the feet
- the glory of the invisible becomes visible
- the creator takes form
- the heir engaging with His inheritance
- the brightness of glory veils Himself
- the one above all comes down
- the rich becomes poor

③ The Life of His Descension

① Man

② Babe

③ Servant

④ Poor

⑤ Sinful Flesh

} Php 2 - made Himself of no reputation

① Man - Heb 2:16, 1 Tim 2:16, 1 Cor 15:45, 47

② Babe - Gal 4:4, Isa. 9:6

• Ps. 22:9, 139:12-13

• Isa. 7:14

• covered in one of the lowest places of the earth

• covered in darkness

• not in mightiness, but conception

③ Servant - Php. 2:5-8, Matt. 20:24-28

④ Poor - 2 Cor. 8:9, Luke 2:24 (Lew. 12:9)

• No beauty - Isa. 53:2 (Gen. 2:9, 12:11 (Sarah), 29:17 (Rachel), 1 Sam 17:42 (David))

• Isa. 52:14

⑤ Sinful Flesh - Rom. 8:3, 2 Cor. 5:21, Isa. 53:10, 12

• Acts 8:33 - humiliation

- The Word stoops to be made man
- The Son of Man descends to conceive
- The Son of God takes on the form of a servant
- The Heir becomes poor
- The baby is made sin for us.

② The Meaning of the Incarnation

- To reveal the character & glory of God
- His fulness in laying down His life (the living God)
- Luke 1:48-53 - He is Magnificat
 - His kingdom stands in contrasts to the kingdoms of this world (Jn. 18:36)
 - regards low estate
 - shews strength
 - scatters the proud
 - put down mighty from their seats
 - exalts them of low degree
 - fill the hungry w/ good things
 - rich He hath sent empty away.
- If the King of Glory makes himself of no reputation than we ought not exalt ourselves.
- Understand that which is to come is far richer than the riches of this life and therefore can content us in poverty.