

The New Testament Church  
*Mary's Magnificat*  
Pastor Paul Jehle – December 25, 2022  
Luke 1:46-54

I Mary: Virgin Mother of Jesus

- A. In Mary's life hundreds of prophecies (over 350) began to be fulfilled
  - 1. The odds of only 8 being fulfilled in one person is 1 in 10 to the 17<sup>th</sup> power!
  - 2. Mary's genealogy (Lk. 3) has obscure deliverers (Nahum, Mattathias, others...)
    - a. Her father, Heli, was a descendant of King David
    - b. Her name in Hebrew was Miriam, possibly named after Moses' sister
- B. The Setting for the Magnificat – the “song of Mary”
  - 1. She was betrothed to Joseph
    - a. This was a family affair – both sets of parents were involved (dowry)
    - b. Betrothal (engagement) was a commitment to marry (court)
    - c. Marriages were confirmed by both the parents *and* consent of bride/groom
  - 2. Zacharias and Elizabeth's miraculous conception of John
    - a. He was of the division of Abijah – October of our year - (1<sup>st</sup> Chr. 24:1-10)
    - b. The sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy was mid-March to early April
    - c. Gabriel announced to Mary that the Holy Spirit would conceive Jesus; if it was around the 1<sup>st</sup> of April, 270 days gestation – born in late December...
    - d. Mary responds to the angel – *Let it be done to me according to your word*
    - e. Mary then visits Elizabeth – *the babe leapt in her womb upon hearing Mary*
    - f. Elizabeth is filled with the Spirit saying to Mary; *blessed is she who believed*

II Mary's Song – the Magificat – Luke 1:46-55 – she sang this “song” after visiting Elizabeth!

- A. <sup>46</sup> *And Mary said: “My soul magnifies the Lord, <sup>47</sup> And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior. <sup>48</sup> For He has regarded the lowly state of His maidservant; For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed. <sup>49</sup> For He who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is His name. <sup>50</sup> And His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation.*
  - 1. God chose Mary – and He chose us! This will cause us to worship Him!
  - 2. Our response is to magnify (enlarge) the Lord (rather than the circumstances); and
  - 3. Our spirit will rejoice in God our Savior – like John leaping in Elizabeth's womb!
  - 4. He understood (looked upon with favor) my lowly state, doing great things for me
  - 5. His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation (Ex. 20:
- B. <sup>51</sup> *He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. <sup>52</sup> He has put down the mighty from their thrones, And exalted the lowly. <sup>53</sup> He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent away empty. <sup>54</sup> He has helped His servant Israel, in remembrance of His mercy, <sup>55</sup> As He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed forever.”*
  - 1. Scattered the proud, put down the mighty (like Herod and the religious leaders)
  - 2. He exalted the lowly and those outcast – like the Shepherds
  - 3. The rich who trust in their wealth He has sent away empty
  - 4. He has fulfilled His promise to Abraham – may we trust Him in this way!