

## Songs of Christmas

# The Magnificat

### I. Introduction

### II. The Magnificat

- A. Luke 1:46-55 (NAS) <sup>46</sup>And Mary said: "My soul exalts the Lord, <sup>47</sup>and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior. <sup>48</sup>For He has had regard for the humble state of His bondservant; for behold, from this time on all generations will count me blessed. <sup>49</sup>For the Mighty One has done great things for me; and holy is His name. <sup>50</sup>And His mercy is upon generation after generation toward those who fear Him. <sup>51</sup>He has done mighty deeds with His arm; He has scattered those who were proud in the thoughts of their heart. <sup>52</sup>He has brought down rulers from their thrones, and has exalted those who were humble. <sup>53</sup>He has filled the hungry with good things; and sent away the rich empty-handed. <sup>54</sup>He has given help to Israel His servant, in remembrance of His mercy, <sup>55</sup>as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and his descendants forever."
- B. Psalm 35:9 (NAS) *And my soul shall rejoice in the LORD; it shall exult in His salvation.*
1. "Caesar Augustus reigns"
- C. "Bringer of Peace" - - Pax Romana
- D. "By sending Augustus as a savior for us - - and to those who came after us - - to make war to cease - - the birthday of the god Augustus was the beginning for the world of the good news that has come to men through him."
- E. Rome used four expressions to describe Caesar Augustus: Savior, son of god, bringer of peace, and the gospel of his kingdom.
- F. Luke 2:10-11, 14 (NAS) <sup>10</sup>But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people; <sup>11</sup>for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. <sup>14</sup>Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased."
- G. Luke 2:15-19 (NAS) <sup>15</sup>When the angels had gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds began saying to one another, "Let us go straight to Bethlehem then, and see this thing that has happened which the Lord has made known to us." <sup>16</sup>So they came in a hurry and found their way to Mary and Joseph, and the baby as He lay in the manger. <sup>17</sup>When they had seen this, they made known the statement which had been told them about this Child. <sup>18</sup>And all who heard it wondered at the things which were told them by the shepherds. <sup>19</sup>But Mary treasured all these things, pondering them in her heart.
- H. Luke 2:19 (NAS) *But Mary treasured all these things, pondering them in her heart.*

- I. "Without dismissing the important role played by apostles or evangelists themselves, we must remember the story now being recorded in the Gospels began when Mary began to ponder - - and after pondering - - when Mary began to tell the story about Jesus to others." (Scot McKnight)
- J. Luke 1:51-52 (NAS) <sup>51</sup>"He has done mighty deeds with His arm; he has scattered those who were proud in the thoughts of their heart. <sup>52</sup>He has brought down rulers from their thrones, and has exalted those who were humble."
  1. Jesus is Mary's Song come to life!
  2. Matthew 19:26 (NAS) "With God, all things are possible."
  3. "The Great Inversion"
  4. "I am the Lord's servant. May it be done according to your word."

### III. Conclusion

#### Upcoming Messages:

12/14-15/2013 – "Zechariah's Song" (Songs of Christmas Series)

12/21-22/2013 – "Simeon's Song"

12/23-24/2013 – "Christmas Without Fear" (Christmas Eve Services)