

Sermon Guide

Isaiah 61:1-3; Luke 1:46-55



► Luke 1:46-55, also known as the Magnificat, depicts Mary's song of praise in response to what God was doing through her and through His coming Son. What is your favorite praise song or Christmas song?

Read [Isaiah 61:1-3](#)

1. What good news is the prophet bringing to the poor, broken-hearted and grief-stricken?
2. During times of grief, people would put on sackcloth and cover themselves with ashes as a sign of their mourning. With what will God replace these garments?
3. What stories from the Gospels portray Jesus' ministry in terms of verses 1-3?

Read [Luke 1:46-55](#)

4. For what does Mary praise God in this song? How do these reflect her feelings about God?
5. How will Jesus fulfill the themes of this song?

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► In this week's sermon, we discover that Jesus came to this world to bring help, hope, and healing. Which do you need the most right now? Why? How has Jesus met you in this need?

► How can Jesus use you to help bring help, hope, and healing to others this Christmas season?

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•✪ Just as Mary erupted in praise in response to what God was doing in Israel, we too have the privilege of joining in celebration for what God has done in bringing His Son to redeem this world. We can praise God for bringing salvation through the birth of His Son. Sing along, read the lyrics, and/or listen to "Joy to the World."