

January 5 *Revolution!*

He pours contempt on princes,
and causes them to wander in a trackless waste.
Yet he lifts the needy out of their affliction,
and increases their families like a flock. – Psalm 107:40-41

[Luke 1:39-56, Judean hill country] Mary arose in those days and went into the hill country with haste, into a city of Judah, and entered into the house of Zacharias and greeted Elizabeth. It happened, when Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, that the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She called out with a loud voice, and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! Why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold, when the voice of your greeting came into my ears, the baby leaped in my womb for joy! Blessed is she who believed, for there will be a fulfillment of the things which have been spoken to her from the Lord!"

Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord.

My spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior,
for he has looked at the humble state of
his handmaid.

*He has put down princes
from their thrones, and
has exalted the lowly*

For behold, from now on, all generations
will call me blessed.

For he who is mighty has
done great things for me.

Holy is his name.

'His mercy is for
generations of generations
on those who fear him.' [Psalm 103:17]

He has shown strength with his arm.

He has scattered the proud in the
imagination of their hearts.

He has put down princes from their
thrones,

and has exalted the lowly.

'He has filled the hungry with good things.'
[Psalm 107:9] He has sent the rich away
empty.

He has given help to Israel, his servant,
that he might remember mercy,

As he spoke to our fathers,
to Abraham and his seed forever."

Mary stayed with her about three months,
and then returned to her house.

1. What kind of baby was Mary expecting? How did she know? Is this how you see Jesus?

2. Would you call Mary blessed? How so? Do you praise God's might and mercy?

3. Lord, my soul magnifies you, making you the biggest thing in my world, for you have...