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**Sermon Notes for December 21<sup>st</sup>**

**“The King is Coming”**

**“The Good News Confirmed”**

Sermon Text: **Luke 1:39-56 (p. 1088)**; Old Testament Text: **Isaiah 9:1-2, 6-7 (p. 729)**; New Testament Text: **Romans 1:16-17 (p. 1194)**.

Read **Luke 1:39-56 (below)**; while listening to the sermon, then answer the questions below.

**Luke 1:39-56:** In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, <sup>40</sup>and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup>And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, <sup>42</sup>and she exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! <sup>43</sup>And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? <sup>44</sup>For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. <sup>45</sup>And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.” <sup>46</sup>And Mary said, “My soul magnifies the Lord, <sup>47</sup>and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, <sup>48</sup>for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on 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 for those who fear him from generation to generation. <sup>51</sup>He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; <sup>52</sup>he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate; <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 offspring forever.” <sup>56</sup>And Mary remained with her about three months and returned to her home.

1. Read **Luke 1:39-40**. Why was the journey from Nazareth to the hill country of Judea considered a difficult and somewhat dangerous journey? (This is not in the Bible. Pr. Dave explained it.)

Why could Mary make this journey with confidence? (This is not in the Bible. Pr. Dave explained it.)

To what was Luke referring when he said *in those days*?

2. Read **Luke 1:41-45**. Why was Elizabeth's response to Mary's greeting so unexpected?

How did Elizabeth know the information she was speaking to Mary?

What did Elizabeth say her baby within her had done when she'd heard Mary's greeting?

Why were these words spoken by Elizabeth so important to Mary?

3. Read **Luke 1:46-56**. How did Mary react after she'd heard Elizabeth's greeting?

In **Luke 1:46**, what did Mary mean when she said, "*My soul magnifies the Lord?*"

When you read **Luke 1:47**, what is the best description of Mary you can give based on this verse?

How would you paraphrase what Mary said in **Luke 1:48**?

Why is the message in **Luke 1:50** so important?

How long did Mary stay with Elizabeth?

How do you think those three months with Elizabeth and Zechariah helped to prepare Mary for what was ahead of her?

4. What will you remember most from this message?