

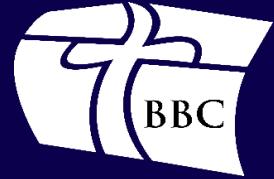


# The Great Reversal

Luke 1:39-56

The Harmony of the Gospels offers a comparative study chart for Matthew, Mark, Luke and John's Gospel accounts. Categorized by subjects, this study resource allows quick, side-by-side viewing of what each apostle recorded in each of the four Gospels.

Subjects	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
<b>Pre-Christ Narratives</b>				
St. Luke's preface			1:1-4	
“God the Word”				1:1-14
<b>The Birth and Early Childhood of Christ</b>				
Birth of John Baptist foretold			1:5-25	
Annunciation of the birth of Jesus			1:26-38	
Mary visits Elizabeth			1:39-56	
Birth of John the Baptist			1:57-80	
The two genealogies	1:1-17		3:23-38	



# Luke 1:39-40

- 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.



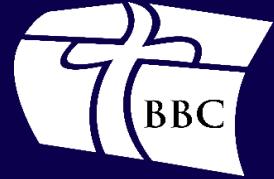
# Luke 1:41

•And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit,



# Luke 1:42

•and she exclaimed with a loud cry,  
**“Blessed are you among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of your  
womb!**



Luke 1:43

•And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me?

κύριος

## Outline of Biblical Usage [?]

- I.* he to whom a person or thing belongs, about which he has power of deciding; master, lord
  - A.* the possessor and disposer of a thing
    - i.* the owner; one who has control of the person, the master
    - ii.* in the state: the sovereign, prince, chief, the Roman emperor
  - B.* is a title of honour expressive of respect and reverence, with which servants greet their master
  - C.* this title is given to: God, the Messiah



# Luke 1:44

•For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy.



# Luke 1:45

•And blessed is she who believed  
**that there would be a fulfillment**  
of what was spoken to her from the  
Lord.”



she who believed  
fulfillment



# Who is Luke contrasting Mary with previously?

**Whenever you read Lord in the NT you  
must determine contextually is the  
reference to:**

**The Father  
The Son  
The Spirit**



# The Magnificat

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Luke 1:46

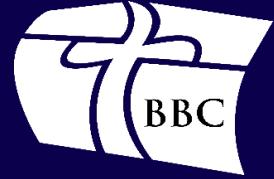


•And Mary said, “**My soul magnifies the Lord,**

my soul, her soul, our soul

Look @ v. 47

Luke 1:47



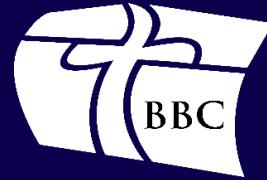
•and my spirit rejoices  
in God my Savior,

v. 46	soul	magnifies	The Lord
v. 47	spirit	rejoices	God my Savior

**inner being; seat of emotions**



What is the  
relationship  
between magnify &  
rejoice?



**Luke 1:48**

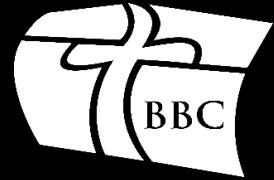
•for he has looked on the  
humble estate of his servant.

**Mary is:**

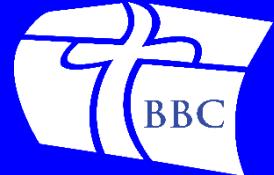
**1) young, 2) female & 3) poor**

**And she knows it. A right relationship  
with God always begins with a right  
view of ourselves.**

# Romans 12:3



•For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you **not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment**, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.



# What does v. 48 describe?



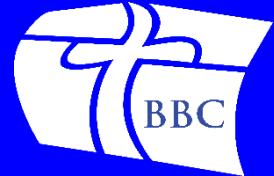
# Luke 1:48

- for he has looked on the **humble estate** of his servant.
- For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed;**



# What does v. 48 describe?

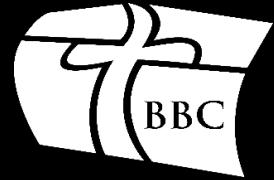
## A Great Reversal



# Turn to 1 Cor 1:17ff

<sup>17</sup> For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power. <sup>18</sup> For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup> For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.” <sup>20</sup> Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup> For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup> For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, <sup>23</sup> but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup> but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup> For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. <sup>26</sup> For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup> But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup> God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup> so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup> And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, <sup>31</sup> so that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

# James 2:5



•Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him?

**The great reversal that God is orchestrating is being accomplished through His Son and the Gospel.**

**It can't be replicated through economic policy, education, or particular governmental structures.**

# Unbeliever

An Object of God's Wrath

Unrighteous

Child of the devil

Without hope

Alienated from God and the  
commonwealth of Israel

Slave to Sin

# Believer

An Object of God's Affection

Clothed in Righteousness

Child of God

Secure in Christ

A Friend

Free in Christ



v. 49

Is Pure Praise

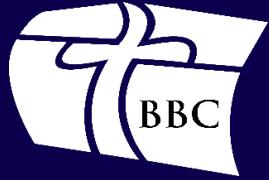


# Luke 1:49

- for he who is mighty has done great things for me,
- and holy is his name.

Twice Mary makes reference to

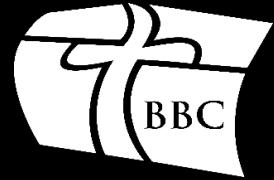
Mercy



# Luke 1:50

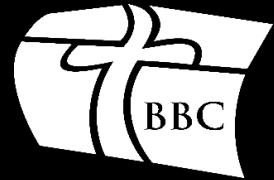
•And his mercy is for those  
who fear him from  
generation to generation.

# 1 Peter 1:3



- Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! **According to his great mercy**, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

# Jude 21



•keep yourselves in the love of God,  
**waiting for the mercy of our Lord  
Jesus Christ that leads to eternal  
life.**



**Luke 1:51**

- He has shown strength with his arm;

## **Anthropomorphism**

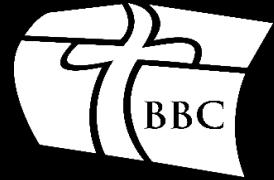


# Luke 1:51

•he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;

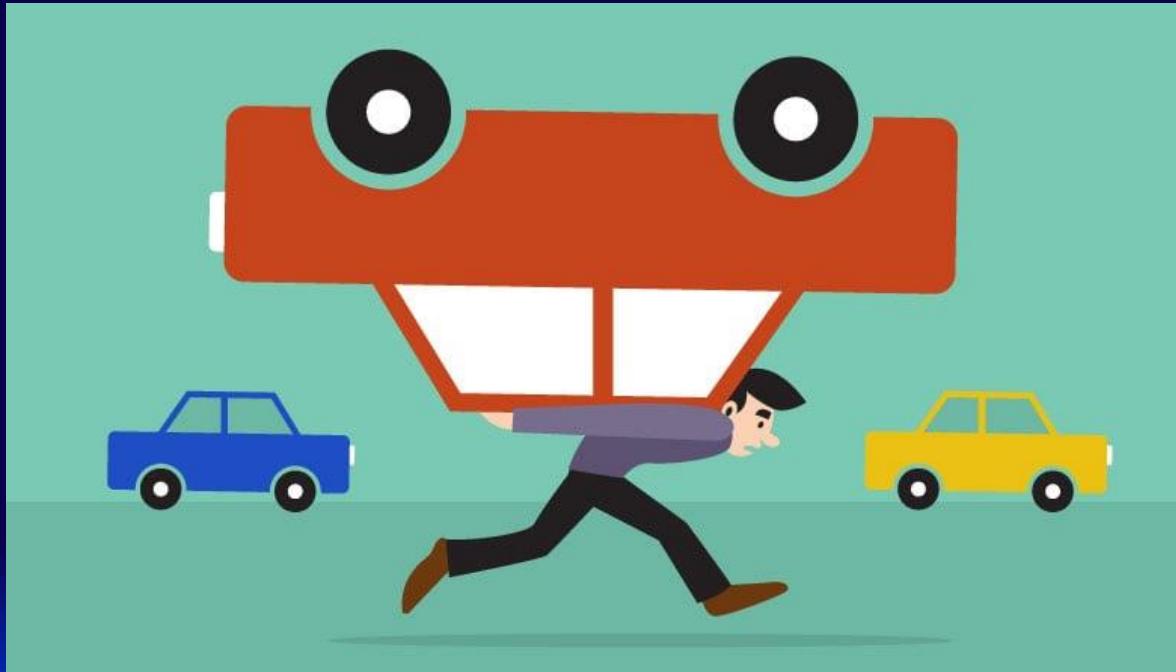
**A manifestation of his Sovereignty**

# Romans 1:28



- And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done.

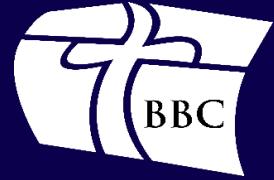
# This is God's Great Reversal





# Luke 1:52

- he has **brought down** the mighty from their thrones
- and **exalted** those of humble estate;



# Luke 1:53

- he has **filled the hungry** with good things,
- and the **rich** he has **sent away empty.**



# Matthew 5:6

- “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

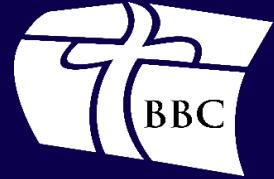
**God's Great Reversal does not include  
ignoring sin.**

**The reversal God is accomplishing  
includes positional, practical, and  
progressive holiness.**



In what way are the  
rich empty?

Turn to Psalm 73



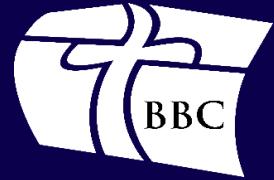
# Luke 1:54

- He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy,

How?

**God's plan for helping his servant Israel  
flowed out of God's attribute of mercy  
and his covenant to Abraham and  
subsequent generations.**

**What is that help?**



# Luke 1:55

•as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever.”

Through Christ individuals can reverse their current state of being sinners separated from a holy and righteous God.

**Lost to Found.**