

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARY Luke 1:46-56

The Mighty One has done great things for me— holy is his name. His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation.

Luke 1:49-50 (NIV)

Good news for the unlikely (1:46-50)

God sees those **who others don't**.

The unlikely without the Gospel often feel a sense of unworthiness and shrink back from God. They look at those around them and feel they have nothing to offer. They feel lost in their own perceived insignificance.

Good news for the humble (1:51-52)

God sees those who others **depreciate**.

Whether king of a country, leader of a home, or head of a company, “kings” tend to see those around them as commodities to be used; not people to be loved. They tend to lord it over people and associate with them only to the extent that it serves their purposes.

The humble without God tend to see themselves as doormats that deserve the mistreatment they receive.

Good news for the poor (1:53)

God sees those who others **use**.

The rich without God are defined not so much by what they have as they are by what they want. They tend to stress the personal value they have through their possessions.

The poor without God tend to see themselves as inadequate and of little value because of their state in life.

Good news for the undeserving (1:54-56)

God sees those who others **reject**.

The undeserving without God because of failure, sin, or others' expectations find themselves unworthy and unable to accept mercy. They tend to do destructive things to themselves and others.

It's not just about the other guy, it's about us. Mary's song gave the gospel to all of us in desperate need of God's touch to bring us into relationship with God and each other – to do for us what we could not do for ourselves.