



Crazy Things People Say About Christmas #1

Luke 1:46-55

One of the craziest things people say about Christmas—out loud or in their hearts—is:

“Christmas is all about me! I expect these things...”

So: In one way Christmas *is not about you at all!*

But: In one way Christmas *is very much about you!*

Luke 1:46-55 is what Mary, the mother of Jesus, says about Christmas.

Recognize three things about God:

#1 He is mighty.

#2 He is near.

#3 He is for you.

Relate in three ways to God:

#1 Take refuge in Him.

#2 Draw near to Him.

#3 Take comfort in Him.

Respond to God with:

Exaltation!

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Walking Papers

“Practical helps for walking the Christian walk this week.”

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Every day please read Luke 1:46-55 and record your thoughts on this page:

- **Today.** In this song of Mary where do you recognize the **power** of God?
- **Monday.** In this song of Mary where do you recognize the **nearness** of God?
- **Tuesday.** In this song of Mary where do you recognize that **God is for you**?
- **Wednesday.** In this song of Mary where does she connect her life with the Person and work of God—drawing near and taking refuge and taking comfort in Him? What are the applications for you?
- **Thursday.** Please compare the song of Mary to the song of Hannah in 1 Samuel 2:1-10. What are the parallels? What are the applications for you?
- **Friday.** In the song of Mary where does she exalt God? What are the applications for you?
- **Saturday.** Please read and reflect on Matthew 1:18-25 for tomorrow’s message.