

Songs of the Season

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A stop along the journey to study, share, and support one another while we learn the way of Jesus.

This Week's Big Idea:

Mary's Magnificat is a beautiful song of praise that flows out from her obedient "Yes" to God's word—even before she fully understands it. With joy and wonder, she celebrates what God is doing in her, weaving together the ancient promises He has already kept with the greater promises still to come.

Scripture and Study:

KEY TEXT: Luke 1:26-56 [Click here to access this week's scripture](#)

A teenage girl in Nazareth hears the impossible: she, a virgin, will bear the Son of the Most High. Her honest question—"How will this be?"—is not doubt but wonder. Gabriel answers with the character of God: "Nothing will be impossible with God." Mary's eight-word response becomes a turning point in history: "Let it be to me according to your word." Her praise will be birthed from, and sung out of, her obedient "Yes."

When Mary is greeted by Elizabeth, and Elizabeth is filled with the Holy Spirit, praise bursts from her soul. This praise is not spontaneous improvisation; it is the angel's words turned back toward Heaven in worship.

- Gabriel said, "Highly favored." → Mary sings, "All generations will call me blessed."
- Gabriel said, "He will be great." → Mary sings, "The Mighty One has done great things for me."
- Gabriel said, "His kingdom will have no end." → Mary sings of rulers brought down and the hungry filled.
- Gabriel said, "Nothing is impossible." → Mary sings of ancient promises now coming true.

Mary is doing exactly what the psalmist commands: taking God's word and singing it back to Him (Psalm 119:171). Praise is always response to what God has said or done. Mary doesn't wait until the baby is born or the promises are fully explained. She sings in the tense middle between the word spoken and the word fulfilled. That is where faith lives. This "not yet" is where praise is born.

When we say "Let it be to me according to your word" to Scripture, to godly counsel, to the quiet nudge of the Spirit, we position ourselves for the same Holy Spirit overflow. The word we receive becomes flesh again—in us and through us—and praise is the evidence that life has begun. God is faithful; His promises are true; He will do what He has said He will do. He is simply looking for those who will choose to say "yes."

Discussion Questions:

- When has God asked something of you that felt bigger than your understanding, and how did you respond?
- Where in your life right now is God inviting a fresh "Let it be to me according to your word"?
- How does Mary singing in the "not-yet" encourage you to praise before the answer is fully visible?

Apply It:

- Reflect: Write down one promise or word God has spoken to you recently (through Scripture, prayer, or counsel). Beside it, write the obedient "Yes" you can offer today.
- Pray: Ask the Holy Spirit to turn that word into a song in your heart this Advent season.
- Act: Choose one Advent or Christmas hymn that echoes God's faithfulness (O Come, O Come Emmanuel; Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus; etc.). Sing or speak it aloud every morning this week, letting Mary's pattern teach you to return God's word to Him in praise—and watch for someone else who needs to hear that same song from you.