

Luke 1: 39 – 56, 67-79

Mary Visits Elizabeth

³⁹ At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, 40 where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. 41 When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. 42 In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! 43 But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? 44 As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. 45 Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!"

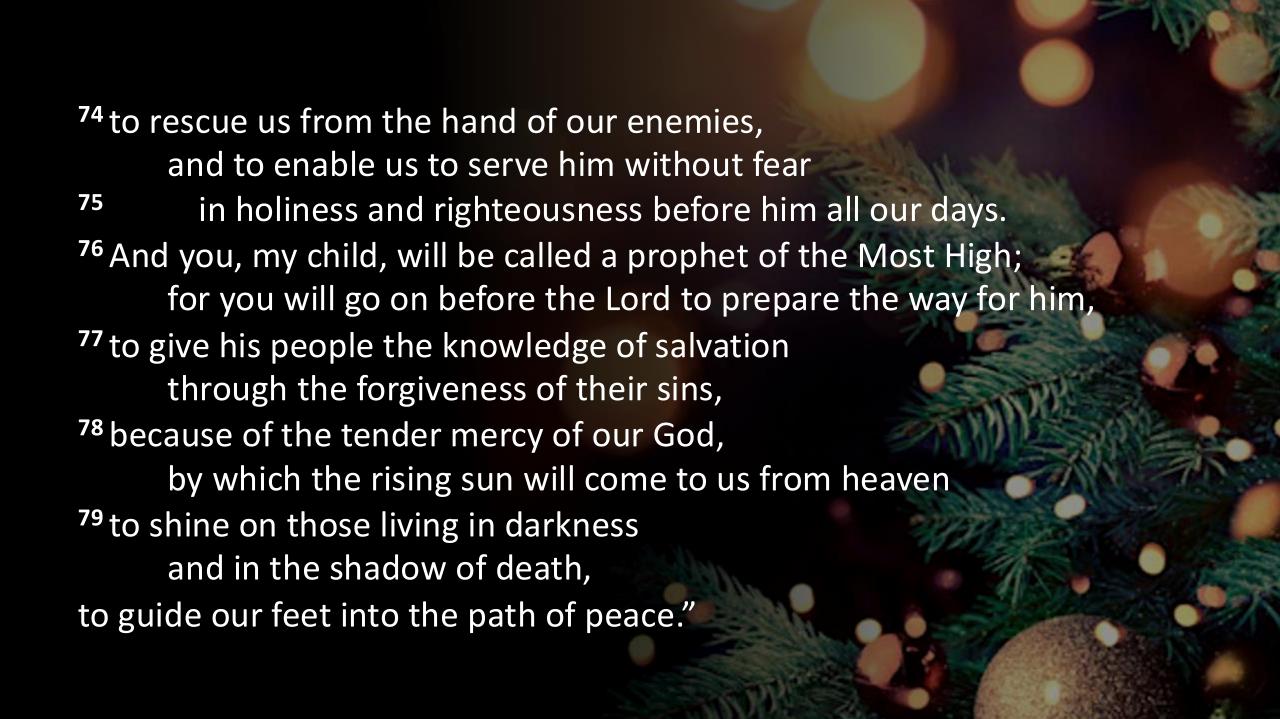
Mary's Song

- ⁴⁶ And Mary said:
- "My soul glorifies the Lord
- and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
- ⁴⁸ for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant.
- From now on all generations will call me blessed,
- for the Mighty One has done great things for meholy is his name.
- ⁵⁰ His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation.
- he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts.

⁵² He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble. 53 He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty. ⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful ⁵⁵ to Abraham and his descendants forever, just as he promised our ancestors." ⁵⁶ Mary stayed with Elizabeth for about three months and then returned home.

Zechariah's Song

- 67 His father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied:
- 68 "Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come to his people and redeemed them.
- ⁶⁹ He has raised up a horn^[a] of salvation for us in the house of his servant David
- ⁷⁰ (as he said through his holy prophets of long ago),
- ⁷¹ salvation from our enemies
 - and from the hand of all who hate us—
- ⁷² to show mercy to our ancestors and to remember his holy covenant,
- the oath he swore to our father Abraham:
- 74 to rescue us from the hand of our enemies,



Father Christmas

(AKA Santa)

Faithful to the faithful
 Everyone gets what they deserve

The Father

- Faithful to the faithless (mercy and grace)

Christmas Spirit

The Spirit

- A feeling to conjure up

- A Person who fills you up

- Appeals to the good in people

- Glorifies God

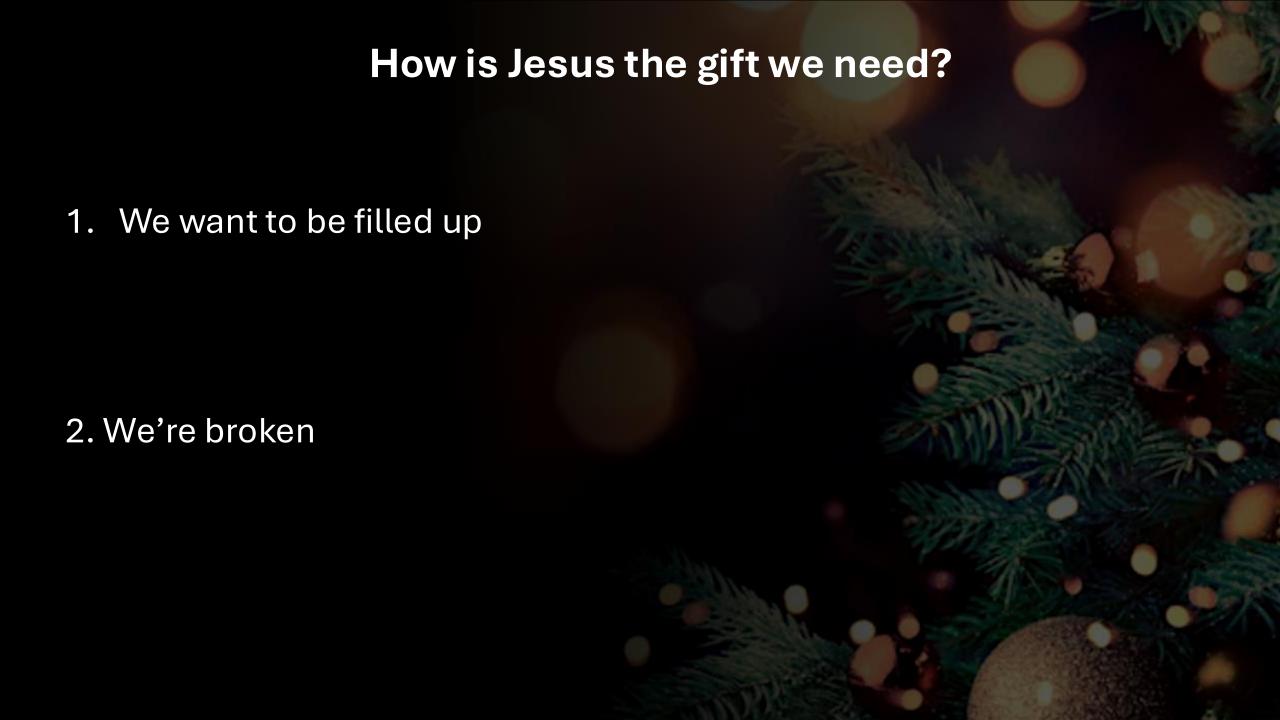
The gift of Christmas

How is a person what we need right now?

Our circumstances have changed.
Our hearts have not

Christmas list 1500 - 2025

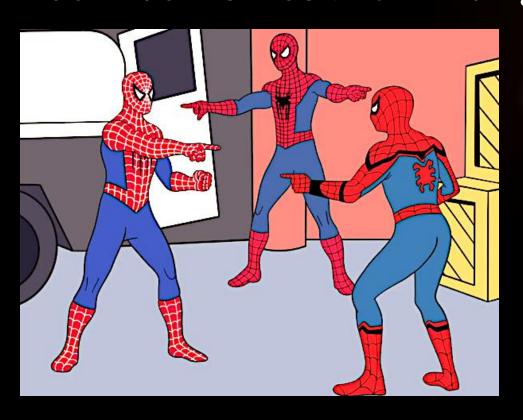
"Maybe it's me?!"



How is Jesus the gift we need?

2. We're broken

Our world is broken
It's their fault.
I don't do the most. But I'm alright



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Ben Duckett	lbw b Starc	1	5	
Ollie Pope	c Warner b Hazlewood	0	2	
Joe Root	b Cummins	11	28	
Harry Brook	c Carey b Cummins	4	9	
Ben Stokes	c gully b Hazlewood	7	15	
Jonny Bairstov	V cslip b Lyon	2	6	
Moeen Ali	b Lyon	10	18	
Chris Woakes	c cover b Starc	8	14	
Mark Wood	b Cummins	0	4	
James Anderso	n not out	3	12	
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