

The Isaiah-Magnificat Remix

Isaiah Wrote 700 years before Jesus

Mary sang 7 months before Jesus

Both of them dreamed of the day of God's saving action in the world ...

Both of them could see that day dawning for all peoples ...

Isaiah wrote:

Rip the heavens apart!
Come down, Lord
Make the mountains tremble
Be a spark that starts a fire
Causing water to boil
Then your enemies will know who you are
[Is 64:1-2]

Mary sang:

**With all my heart I praise the lord
And I am glad because of God my saviour
He cares for me his humble servant**

Encourage my people
Give them comfort
Speak kindly to Jerusalem
And announce:
Your slavery is past, your punishment is over
I, the Lord made you pay double for your sins
[Is 40:1-2]

**With all my heart I praise the lord
And I am glad because of God my saviour
He cares for me his humble servant
From now on all people will say God has blessed me
God all-powerful has done great things for me
And his name is holy**

Someone is shouting:
"clear the path in the desert!
Make a straight road for the Lord our god.
Fill in the valleys; flatten every hill and mountain.
Level the rough and rugged ground.
Then the glory of the lord will appear for all to see.
The lord himself has promised this!
[Is 40:3-5]

**God all-powerful has done great things for me
And his name is holy
He always shows mercy to everyone who worships him
The Lord has used his powerful arm
To scatter those who are proud
He drags strong rulers from their thrones and puts humble people
In places of power
God gives the hungry good things to eat**

Those who walk in the dark
Have seen a bright light
And it shines upon everyone who lives in the land of darkest shadows
Because of you, its people are glad and celebrate like workers at harvest time
You have broken the powers that abused and enslaved your people
You have rescued them.

[Is 9:1-2]

**The Lord has used his powerful arm
To scatter those who are proud
He drags strong rulers from their thrones and puts humble people
In places of power
God gives the hungry good things to eat
And sends the rich away with nothing
He helps his servant Israel and is always merciful to his people
The Lord made this promise to our ancestors
To Abraham and his family forever!**

Jesus said:

The Lord's Spirit has come to me
Because he has chosen me
To tell the good news to the poor
The lord has sent me to announce freedom for prisoners
To give sight to the blind
To free everyone who suffered
And to say "this is the year the Lord has chosen"