

## The radical message of Christmas

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I guess it's time to say Happy Christmas.

I'll do so with some of the words of the Christmas story that are little noted, from [Luke Chapter 1](#):

46 And Mary said,

*"My soul magnifies the Lord,  
47 and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,  
48 for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant;  
49 for he who is mighty has done great things for me,  
50 and holy is his name;  
51 from generation to generation  
52 he has shown his strength with his arm;  
53 he has scattered down the mighty from their thrones  
54 and exalted those of humble estate;  
55 and he has helped his servant Israel,  
56 in remembrance of his mercy,  
as he spoke to our fathers,  
to Abraham and to his offspring forever."*

That's the radical message of Christmas.

Ignore whether you believe Mary said it or not.

And even whether you believe in the God of Christianity, or not.

I think what this sets out is a story of people seeking radical justice for a community.  
And that's too often forgotten, and is what we're still striving for.

That may be the real message of Christmas.