

Greek Readings  
Series C, Fourth Sunday in Advent  
Luke 1:39–45 (45–56)

Verse 39

- Parse Ἀναστᾶσα. \_\_\_\_\_ Parse ἐπορεύθη. \_\_\_\_\_

Verse 41

- Parse ἐσκήρτησεν. \_\_\_\_\_ How does the definition of this word inform your understanding of John’s actions? (BDAG 930) \_\_\_\_\_  
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- τὸ βρέφος emphasizes what characteristic of infant children? (BDAG 183– 84; cf. Lk. 2:12, 16; 18:15; Ac. 7:19; 2 Tim. 3:15; 1 Peter 2:2) \_\_\_\_\_
- Of what significance is it that Elizabeth was “filled with the Holy Spirit”? (cf. 1:67) \_\_\_\_\_  
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Verse 42

- Parse ἀνεφώνησεν. \_\_\_\_\_ What does LXX usage of this word suggest regarding its meaning? (Just, 731 Chron. 15:28; 2 Chron. 5:13) \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Explain the two ways of understanding the second καί in this verse. Which do you prefer and why? (Just 73–74) \_\_\_\_\_

Verse 43

- Parse ἔλθη. \_\_\_\_\_ ἵνα ἔλθη . . . is equivalent to what type of grammatical construction? (Voelz, 180) \_\_\_\_\_
- Look up πόθεν. (BDAG 838 3) How should it be translated here? \_\_\_\_\_

Verse 44

- ὡς ἐγένετο translates a common Hebrew idiom. In English, give the idiom. \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Parse ἀγαλλίασει (from ἀγαλλίασις, -εως, f). \_\_\_\_\_ This word is used of the joy that will result at the coming of the Messiah. (cf. esp. Ps. 44:8, 16 LXX)

Verse 45

- Parse λελαλημένοις. \_\_\_\_\_ Just suggests that these “things which have been spoken” refers to what? (Just 74) \_\_\_\_\_

Verse 46

- Parse μεγαλύνει. \_\_\_\_\_ Define this word. (BDAG 623) In what other contexts does it occur? (Ps. LXX 33:4; 39:17; 69:5) \_\_\_\_\_  
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Verse 47

- Parse ἠγαλλίασεν. \_\_\_\_\_ After defining this word (BDAG 4), explain the difference—if there is one—between this word and μεγαλύνει which you defined above. \_\_\_\_\_  
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Verse 48

- Parse ταπεινώσιν. \_\_\_\_\_ How has the Lutheran tradition interpreted this word? What is the common interpretation? \_\_\_\_\_
- What is the “referent” to νῦν? In other words, what is Mary saying about her current state of affairs? (Just 79) \_\_\_\_\_

Verse 50

- Parse τοῖς φοβουμένοις. \_\_\_\_\_ What case usage is Luke using here? (Voelz, 237–240) \_\_\_\_\_

Verse 51

- Parse ὑπερφάνους and διανοία. \_\_\_\_\_ What is the case usage of διανοία? \_\_\_\_\_ In the LXX, what Hebrew word does διανοία translate? How is this word defined? (BDAG 234) \_\_\_\_\_

Verse 52

- Vv. 52–53 are the centerpiece for what literary device Luke uses frequently? (Just 81) \_\_\_\_\_
- Parse καθείλεν. \_\_\_\_\_ Define the word (BDAG 487) and compare the usage of the different definitions in Luke (cf. 1:52; 12:18; 23:53). \_\_\_\_\_
- Where are these events fulfilled in Luke’s gospel? \_\_\_\_\_

Verse 53

- Parse ἀγαθῶν. \_\_\_\_\_ Why does Luke use this case? (Voelz, 237–240) \_\_\_\_\_

Verse 54

- Parse ἀντελάβετο. \_\_\_\_\_ Define this word. (BDAG 89) What other nuances can this word take? \_\_\_\_\_
- Parse ἐλέους. \_\_\_\_\_ Why this case? (Voelz, 237-240) \_\_\_\_\_

Verse 55

- Parse ἐλάλησεν. \_\_\_\_\_ This can be translated as either “said” or “promised.” Which do you prefer and why? \_\_\_\_\_

Verse 56

- What kind of word is ὥς? \_\_\_\_\_ How should it be translated here? (BDAG 1105 6) \_\_\_\_\_ Why might Mary have remained with her cousin for three months? \_\_\_\_\_

Integrating Meaning: Come up with a sermon title and two or three supporting points.