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*“The Baptist Church of Franklin exists to make **more** and **better** followers of Jesus Christ.”* — BCF Membership Binder

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. —Galatians 5:22-23a

OBSERVE

- What do you know about Mary? About her expectations for marriage and family? Use your study guides to help you.
- How did God take Mary’s expectations and turn them upside down?
- How does Mary’s song identify God’s upside down gospel?
- How do these words from Jesus point to an upside down gospel?
 - Luke 12:35-37
 - Luke 18:9-14
 - Matthew 5:1-12
 - Matthew 16:24-25

- How do Paul's words in 2 Corinthians 5:21 point to the greatest "upside down" of all?

REFLECT and OBEY

1. Mary's world was turned upside down after the visit from the angel Gabriel. How has God turned your own world upside down?

2. Jesus said our repentance before God means that "*all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.*" What does it look like to humble ourselves before God? What are the difficulties in doing so? What are the blessings?

3. In Acts 17, citizens of Thessalonica complained about the missionaries Paul and Silas saying, "These who have turned the world upside down have come here too...and these are all acting contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying there is another king—Jesus." (NKJV) What were Paul and Silas "guilty" of? Could we Christians be found "guilty" of the same things today?