

Series "Knowing The Exact Truth"
"The Prophet's Birth"
Luke 1:57-80
Study-5

John The Baptist was great in the sight of the Lord - Luke 1:76-77

Jesus Eulogizing John - **Luke 7:28**

No Greater In position than John. John was the last OT Prophet, John was the herald of the King. John Fulfilled Scripture by preparing the people for the Messiah then pointed the people to the Messiah.

Luke 1:1-4:13 The Introduction Of The Son Of Man:

Thought Of Our Passage: "John The Last OT Prophet Fulfilled Scripture Through Preparing The People For The Messiah And Then Pointing People To Jesus."

- 1. Verses 57-58 John's Birth**
- 2. Verses 59-66 John's Circumcision/Name**
- 3. Verses 67-80 Zacharias Hymn Of Praise**

1. Verses 57-58 John's Birth

Luke 1:57 Now – Context - Mary has just given "**The Magnificat**" **Exalting The Lord!** She had left her home in Nazareth and came to Judea to see her cousin Elizabeth. Mary stayed with Elizabeth for 3 months.

Luke 1:58 Her neighbors and her relatives heard that the Lord had displayed His great mercy toward her; It is a wonderful thing when a person can acknowledge the hand of God in their lives!

and they were rejoicing with her. This is the proper response when God is working.

Luke 1:14; Romans 12:15

2. Verses 59-66 John's Circumcision/Name

Luke 1:59 the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, (Leviticus 12:2-4)

and they were going to call him Zacharias, after his father.
The tradition was to name the child after some relative that the family would like to honor.

Who were They? They were relatives and friends that were wanting to help out.

Luke 1:60 "No indeed; but he shall be called John." **Elizabeth** said literally, "*No you don't. He is to be called John!*"

John – "*the Lord has given grace, gift of God, Jehovah is gracious*"

Luke 1:61 God bless Elizabeth that held her ground **against tradition** and the **majority** to stick with God's Word to her.

Luke 1:62-63 **And they were all astonished. "The child of God does not live by explanations but faith."**

Luke 1:64 **And at once his mouth was opened (Obedience Brought Healing of being deaf and mute) Luke 1:20**

and he began to speak in praise of God. (Zacharias first use of his tongue was to praise God)

Lesson – Unbelief Plugs Our Ears Towards God, Our Mouths Towards Men, But Obedience Brings Healing With Praise"

Luke 1:65 **Fear came on all those living around them;** The idea of **fear** "*alarm or fright, be afraid, terror*"
Clearly the work of God is on display! No doubt at all!

Luke 1:66 **For the hand of the Lord was certainly with him.**
God was orchestrating, these events to get people's attention to get their eyes on John.

3. Verses 67-80 Zacharias Hymn Of Praise

Luke 1:67 **And his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Spirit,**
Third song in Luke. **Elizabeth' Song – Luke 1:42-45**
Mary's Song – Luke 1:46-55
Now **Zacharias Song – Luke 1:68-79.**

Luke 1:68 **"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, Zacharias Song –**
Called "*The Benedictus*" - Latin term taken from the opening words of his song in Latin "*Praise be*"
The song focuses on the One that John is going to point to.

1 Kings 1:48 **'Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,**
Zacharias, the father of John The Baptist was a priest, his song of praise contains over **33 possible quotes from the OT.**

For He has visited us and accomplished redemption for His people,
He spoke of Christ's advent as accomplished.

Verses – 69-71 Praise God For Fulfilling The Davidic Covenant:

Luke 1:69 The **horn** – A reference to the horn of a sheep or the ox which speaks of the point of "*strength, being strong*" Strong powerful salvation.

Romans 1:16

for us In the house of David His servant – This goes back to the "Davidic Covenant" (**2 Samuel 7**) **Isaiah 9:6-7**

Luke 1:70 As He spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets from of old— OT prophets which would be the major and minor.

Moses said of Jesus Christ. **Deuteronomy 18:15**

Luke 1:71 Salvation FROM OUR ENEMIES, - This could speak of Rome that was presently ruling over Israel. **Hebrews 7:25**

John 8:36 "So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

Verses 72-75 Praise For Fulfillment Of The Abrahamic Covenant:

Luke 1:72 Isaiah 8:3; Micah 1:10-15

Luke 1:73 The oath which He swore to Abraham our father,
His promise to David which was based off of the promise to Abraham.

He was 75 years old. **Genesis 12:1-3** Later, Abraham believed God regarding His promise. **Genesis 15:6**

Luke 1:74 Rescue and redemption. **Romans 12:1**

Luke 1:75 Salvation Is God's Greatest Work!

holiness "*It means wholeness*"

and righteousness - which is God's character, act by which God declares the ungodly sinner just, in right standings before God.

before Him all our days. Our life with God starts here on earth and extends into eternity.

Verses 76-77 Praise For Fulfillment Of John: Luke 1:76 "And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; - The Most High is the Son of God! **Luke 1:32 the Most High;**

For you will go on BEFORE THE LORD TO PREPARE HIS WAYS; John would be the forerunner.

Luke 1:77 Believers Can Give Out The Knowledge Of Salvation: To give to His people the knowledge of salvation

Only God Can Give Salvation: By the forgiveness of their sins,

Salvation is a result of repentance of sin, then turning to God in faith.

Verses 78-79 Praise For God's Mercy In The Giving Of His Light: Luke 1:78 Because of the tender mercy of our God,

It is not about John but it is all about God and His mercy.

With which the Sunrise from on high (*Dayspring from on high*) will visit us, (Bright star directing those in the darkness of the desert)
Malachi 4:2; 2 Peter 1:19; Revelation 22:16

Luke 1:79 TO SHINE UPON THOSE WHO SIT IN DARKNESS

The darkness of sin. **Matthew 3:7-8; 2 Corinthians 4:4**

AND THE SHADOW OF DEATH, - Born spiritually dead when we die physically

To guide our feet into the way of peace." Isaiah 9:6 Prince of Peace.

Verse 80 Summary Of John's 30 Years Of Preparation: Luke 1:80

Application:

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