

The Prophet and the Messiah

John the Baptizer

Luke 1:5-25

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Introduction:

- Luke is born around the year 9 A.D. and he is martyred around 93 A.D. in a place called Boeotia, Greece at the age of 84.
 - Luke is not one of the original twelve disciples.
 - Why are Matthew, Mark, and Luke slightly different?
 - Matthew – The Jewish people based everything in the Scriptures of God ... This is what you and I call the Old Testament today ... Therefore, **Matthew** appeals to the Jewish community with the scriptures as he writes.
 - Mark – Now, the Roman people thought that there was glory in government and power ... So, **Mark** focuses attention on the miracles of Jesus because it shows His power over nature and mankind.
 - Luke – The Greeks loved Philosophy ... Wisdom ... Reason ... Beauty, and Education ... Therefore, **Luke** appeals to the Greek mind in a “*Complete, orderly, and classical account that shows the beauty of who Jesus is, along with His wisdom and reason.*”
 - Four things Luke tells us in his gospel letter:
 - He has investigated the account about Jesus -
 - He went back to the beginning -
 - Luke was thorough and he studied everything -
 - Luke worked carefully to put together this “Orderly Account” -
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1. Zachariah:

- a. **Luke 1:5-10**
- b. Luke tells us about the life and character of Zachariah and Elizabeth:
 - i. They are of the line of Aaron:
 - ii. Both were upright in the sight of God:
- c. Greek – **Dikaio**s (*Deek-Eye-Os*) ... English – Upright ... “*Being in accordance with what God requires.*”
- d. Greek – **Amemptos** (*A-Memp-Toes*) ... English – Blameless ... “*Without fault or blame.*”
- e. **Luke 1:7**
- f. Casting Crowns – 2005 – *Praise You in this Storm*

2. The Sound of Silence:

- a. **Luke 1:11-20**
- b. Gabriel tells Zachariah six ways his son would be great:
 - i. That his life would bring them joy.
 - ii. What he will do for God will cause many to rejoice.
 - iii. He will be great in the sight of God Himself.
 - iv. He would live a disciplined and controlled life.
 - v. He will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from birth.
 - vi. He will go on before the Lord.
- c. **Hebrews 10:25**
- d. NEVER underestimate the influence of our enemy.
- e. **Luke 1:18**
- f. God is good at doing the impossible - A few examples:
- g. The Exodus out of Egypt – Exodus 7-20 ... The Parting of the Red Sea in the Gulf of Aqaba – Exodus 14 ... Manna and the Quail – Exodus 16 ... Walls of Jericho Falling Straight Down – Joshua 6
- h. The Virgin Birth – Luke 2 ... Healing the Lepers – Luke 17 ... Jarius's Daughter Raised to Life – Mark 5 ... Lazarus Raised to Life – John 11 ... BUT then there is The Cross and the Resurrection – Matthew 27-28
- i. **Luke 18:27**
- j. **Luke 1:19-20**

3. Elizabeth:

- a. **Luke 1:23-25**
- b. Elizabeth means – “*God is my Oath*”
- c. **Matthew 28:18-20**
- d. **Matthew 24:14**
- e. Are you willing to do your part?