

The Prophet and the Messiah

The Path Maker

Luke 1:5-23

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Introduction:

- **John 14:6**
 - **John 8:32**
 - Two ways to change your future:
 - One –
 - Two –
 - **Luke 1:5-23**
 - To talk about Jesus, we must also talk about John the Baptizer.
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1. The Parents:

- a. **Luke 1:1**
- b. Who are Zechariah and Elizabeth?
- c. Zechariah – “*The Lord Remembers.*”
 - i. A Priest in the Division of Abijah.
- d. Elizabeth – Not a common Hebrew name.
 - i. Derived from Elisheba (*Wife of Aaron, Brother of Moses*)
 - ii. Elizabeth – “*My God is an Oath.*”
- e. **Luke 1:6-7**
- f. Greek – **Amemptos** ... English – **Blamelessly** ... “*Blameless, Faultless.*”
- g. Greek – **Dikaio**s (*Dee-Kie-Os*) ... English – **Upright** ... “*Righteous ... Just.*”
- h. **Luke 1:25**
- i. **Luke 1:12-13**
- j. Three things we know about Zechariah and Elizabeth:
 - i. They loved the Lord with all their heart, mind, soul, and strength.
 - ii. They honored God with their lives.
 - iii. They continued to pray and trust God.

2. The Child:

- a. **Luke 1:13-15**
- b. **Genesis 12:2-3**
- c. John – “*Yahweh has been gracious.*”



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- d. Two ways that God has been gracious:
 - i. God is answering Zechariah and Elizabeth's prayer for a child.
 - ii. God is stepping out of Eternity so we all can be saved in Him.
- e. What an appropriate name for the forerunner of the Messiah – John – *“Yahweh has been gracious.”*
- f. **John 3:16-17**
- g. The angel tells Zechariah what his son will be like:
 - i. A joy and a delight and many will rejoice because of his birth.
 - ii. He will be great in the sight of the Lord. – **Matthew 11:11**
 - iii. He will never drink wine or fermented drink. – Nazarite Vow – **Judges 13:7**
 - 1. Hannah vows to God for her son, Samuel. – **1st Samuel 1:11**
 - iv. Filled with the Holy Spirit from the womb. – **Luke 1:44**
 - v. He will lead many of Israel back to the Lord. – **Micah 4:5-6**
 - vi. He will make ready the way for the Lord.

3. The Sign:

- a. **Luke 1:18-22**
- b. Gabriel – *“Hero of God.”* or *“Mighty one of God.”*
- c. *“And now you will be silent and not able to speak until the day this happens, because you did not believe my words, which will come true at their proper time.”*
- d. The silence of Zechariah showed the Lord had made a visit to the Temple.
- e. **Luke 1:25**
- f. **Matthew 28:20**
- g. **1st Thessalonians 4:13-18**