

# **The Prophet and the Messiah**

## ***The Birth of the Baptizer***

Luke 1:57-66

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### **Introduction:**

- **John 14:6**
  - **John 8:32**
  - Two ways to change your future:
    - One –
    - Two –
  - **Luke 1:57-66**
  - Two weeks ago, we spoke about how Gabriel told Zechariah his wife would have a son. He was to name him John.
  - John – “*Yahweh has been gracious.*” ... And God was gracious – We spoke of two ways:
    - God is answering Zechariah and Elizabeth’s prayer for a child.
    - God is stepping out of Eternity so we all can be saved in Him.
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### **1. They Shared Her Joy:**

- a. **Luke 1:57-58**
- b. Average family size was 6-8 children, with the ideal size being 12 for obvious reasons.
- c. **Luke 1:58**
- d. Those who shared in her joy were two groups:
  - i. Neighbors:
  - ii. Relatives:
- e. At the gathering, just family alone could have pushed 200 ... But with neighbors and friends, the number could have easily been 400-600 people.
- f. **John 1:14**
- g. **Luke 1:58**
- h. What is the mercy that has been shown? Two things that couple God’s mercy and His power together:
  - i. Elizabeth was well beyond childbearing years – Mercy.
  - ii. The visit by Gabriel to Zechariah – Power.
- i. Have you ever considered the power and mercy God has shown in your life? *Really think that one through.*
- j. Do you take God for granted in your life? I think much like Christmas and Easter, we become so accustomed to what God does that we don’t really notice it anymore.
- k. I encourage you to share with others how God has blessed you, and how He wants to bless them, as well.

## 2. His Name Is John:

- a. **Luke 1:59-63**
- b. The Jewish custom is to circumcise all boys on the eighth day. But why then?
- c. **Genesis 17:10-12**
- d. But still, why the eighth day? Well, believe it or not, it is on the eighth day of a male's life that his Vitamin K and Prothrombin levels are at their peak. It is the only time in a male's life that they will be at a perfect level.
- e. Both Vitamin K and Prothrombin are imperative in the clotting process of the body. So, on the eighth day of life *when God said to circumcise all males*, their clotting ability is at the perfect level so that the child would not bleed out, as well as, their immune system is strengthened from the natural antibodies from the mother's breastmilk.
- f. **Psalm 14:1**
- g. **Luke 1:13-22**
- h. **Luke 1:19-20**
- i. **Psalm 46:10-11**

## 3. What Will He Be:

- a. **Luke 1:65-66**
- b. Greek – **Phobos** ... English – Awe ... means, "*State of severe distress ... aroused by intense concern for impending pain, danger, unknown ... etc.*"
- c. The work of the Lord isn't always accepted with excitement and joy, sometimes it is rejected, and at times it is hated.
- d. There are two attitudes in the church today:
  - i. The Fearful Attitude:
  - ii. The Attitude of No Concern:
- e. Both are wrong in every way.
- f. **Luke 1:16-17**
- g. **Isaiah 40:3**
- h. **Luke 3:7-9**
- i. **Matthew 11:3-6**
- j. **Matthew 11:7-15**
- k. **Acts 2:38**