

“Getting Ready For Jesus”

When Heaven Came To Prepare Earth For Salvation

Luke 1:5-25

The ministry of the Messiah is organically related to the ministry of his Prophet – John the Baptist. Jesus regarded John as the greatest man who had ever lived (Luke 7:28). Luke also features the genesis and prophecy of this remarkable man. That’s because in John’s story we discover the aching _____ of the Jewish people and of our own human souls! The story of John the Baptist is the story of God pointing us to our own need, and of his own supernatural provision for those who will simply take him at his Word!

I. But they had no _____ (v 5-7)

1. The reign of King Herod (37-4 B.C.) was a time of _____ for God’s people.
2. Elizabeth was righteous, but with a _____. Prayers to _____.
3. Zechariah was a _____ serving God in a beautiful – but _____ – place.

II. There appeared to him _____ (v 8-13)

1. Into the darkness of the _____ came the light of a _____!
2. The _____ of the temple were suddenly _____ by a _____.
3. God declared that Elizabeth’s _____ (v 25) would be replaced with a _____.

III. Many will _____ at his _____ (v 14-17)

1. The _____ of Israel were outside watching for the _____, to worship God.
2. John (a full-blooded _____) will bring _____ and will be _____ (see Nu. 6:1-4).
3. Zechariah must have _____: his son was the _____ (Mal. 3:1, 4:5-6)!?

IV. He was unable to _____ (v 18-23)

1. The thing to do when _____ is drawing near:
2. The man without a _____ did not believe the angel with the _____.
3. His temporary _____ was a sign against his _____.

V. Take God at his WORD! (v 24-25)

1. When God announces Good News (v 19) it _____ comes _____!
2. Consider what the Gospel meant for this _____.
3. Whatever God says, _____!