

Sermon Guide

Luke 1:46-80



► As Luke tells his account of the Christmas story, we see God begin to unfold his plan of salvation through the birth of His Son. How has God unfolded his plan of salvation in your life? Who helped prepare the way? What were some key events that led to your commitment to Jesus?

Read [Luke 1:46-80](#)

1. For what does Mary praise God in her song (vv.46-55)? For what does Zechariah praise God in his song (vv. 67-79)? How do Mary and Zechariah's songs compare and contrast?
2. How did John's birth fulfill the words of the angel in vv. 13-17?
3. What does it mean that Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit (v. 67)? Is this the same experience with the Spirit that believers experience today? Why or why not?
4. What, according to Zechariah's song, is the purpose of salvation? How does his song show God's unfolding plan from OT days to the coming of the Messiah?

GROW



► In response to what God was doing, Mary and Zechariah erupted in celebration and praise. They recognized God's grace in using them to fulfill his miraculous intervention for Israel. What blessings has God bestowed upon you this Christmas season? How can you praise God for these blessings, as well as your redemption, just as Mary and Zechariah did?

► How has God asked you to carry "the knowledge of salvation" to those he has placed in your life?

GLORIFY

•✎ We have the privilege of joining in celebration with Mary and Zechariah for what God has done and is doing in our lives and in the world. We can praise God for his redemption in bringing salvation through the birth of His Son. Sing along, read the lyrics, and/or listen to "[Joy to the World](#)".