



Prescription for Life

The Gospel of Luke



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2014-2015

Announcements

- www.lamplightersbiblestudy.com
- Nametag sign up on table in back
- Schedules and Binder Covers
- PARKING...patience and parameters
- BOOK Spring....Reach out to Read Ministry
- CNC needs your help---requesting names for deacons and elders!!



Joyful Announcements

Luke 1: 1-56

September 17, 2014



Coca-Cola Announcement

Youtube video:

#ShareaCoke with the McGillicudys



Joyful Announcements

1. Introduction to Luke: Luke 1: 1-4
2. Announcement of the Birth of John the Baptist:
Luke 1: 5-25
3. Announcement of the Birth of Jesus:
Luke 1:26-38
4. Joyful Anticipation of TWO Births:
Luke 1:39-56



Luke's Intro:

1. Luke worked carefully.
2. Luke has investigated the story.
3. Luke started at the beginning...with telling the story of John the Baptist, who points to Jesus
4. Luke was thorough.
5. Luke presented an orderly account.



Application

- Why am I participating in Lamplighters this year? What am I trying to discover within my own personal walk with Jesus?
- What personal journey of discovery am I on? And why?



Historical Context: the Prophecy about John

- God has been silent for 400 years. No prophesy given or received. (since Malachi)
- Herod the Great was king. (37-4 BC)
- Priesthood and Levite line actively continuing their journey of faith.



A Visit from an Angel

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- Priest- highly regarded
- Upright and blameless
- Old and childless
- A son to be born-John
- He will be great
- He will be a prophet that brings the people back to God and point to the one greater than he is.

Mary

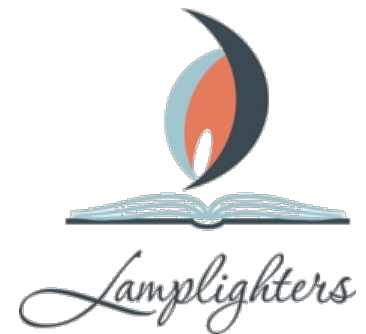


Response to the Angel

Zechariah

- Grippped with Fear
- Unbelief
- How CAN this be?
- Became Mute
- Excitement and Joy

Mary



What does this reveal about God?

- God is always at work.
- God Keeps His Promises.
- God's Plan will be carried out.



Application

- How do I relate to God, even in the midst of great disappointment?
- How do I handle and deal with life's disappointments?
 - Bitterness or Trust and Dependence



Historical Context: Annunciation of Jesus

- Temple in Jerusalem—height of Israelite culture
- Nazareth— small Galilean Village – agrarian town
- Importance and meaning of engagements in Jewish culture



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- Greatly troubled, fearful
- Faith
- How WILL this be?
- Humility
- Honest
- Servant
- Trust of God's plan



What does this reveal about God?

- God's ways are not our ways.
- God's heart has a special place for those humble in spirit.
- Nothing is impossible with God.
- We need to trust God because he will perform his promises.



Application

- How do I respond to what God is doing in my life?
- How do I recognize where and when God is working in my life?



Mary's Visit to Elizabeth

Joy & Thanksgiving



Application

- What can I do this week to express my JOY and PRAISE to my Heavenly Father?

