



Resources

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Luke 1:67-80

67 And his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied, saying,

68 "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,

for he has visited and redeemed his people

69 and has raised up a horn of salvation for us

in the house of his servant David,

70 as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,

71 that we should be saved from our enemies

and from the hand of all who hate us;

72 to show the mercy promised to our fathers

and to remember his holy covenant,

73 the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us

74 that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies,

might serve him without fear,

75 in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

76 And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;

for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,

77 to give knowledge of salvation to his people

in the forgiveness of their sins,

78 because of the tender mercy of our God,

whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high

79 to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,

to guide our feet into the way of peace."

80 And the child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day of his public appearance to Israel.

I. The Prophecy of Jesus (67-75), in which we will see:

a. The Fulfillment of the Davidic Covenant (67-71)

b. The Fulfillment of the Abrahamic Covenant (72-75)

II. The Prophecies of John as the Forerunner and Jesus as the Sunrise (76-79) – some suggest this refers to the fulfillment of the New Covenant.

III. The Early Life of John (80)





Life Group Leader Notes:

- Do you have opinions about songs in church settings? What is the ultimate goal of our worship? What, then, should be the focus of our worship?
- Luke spends a considerable amount of time in his opening chapter to Theophilus describing the birth of John the Baptist. If you were to compose a book about the life of Jesus, would you spend this much time on John? Why was it so important to Luke? What can this teach us?
- Zechariah had been afflicted by the Lord for several months. He was mute and deaf. And yet, in his first words after his restoration, he declared the tender mercies of our God. What does this teach you about responding to adversity? Have you ever spoken of the tender mercies of God after a season of suffering?
- In his song, Zechariah answers the question in Luke 1:66, “what then will this child be?” After spending several weeks in the text, how would you answer this question?
- How is the birth of Christ a ‘tender mercy’ from God? What else has God given to us that can be called a ‘tender mercy’?
- The birth of Christ is the fulfillment of Malachi 4 which says, “But for you who fear My name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings; and you will go forth and skip about like calves from the stall.” Why is the sun used as a metaphor for Christ? In what ways has the coming of Christ brought spiritual healing in our lives? How can we respond with joy so that others may see and believe?

