

Sun Morning
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INSIDE OUT SERVICE

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Text: Luke 1:5-25

"There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judaea, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the course of Abia: and his wife was of the daughters of Aaron; and her name was Elisabeth. 6 And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless. 7 And they had no child, because that Elisabeth was barren, and they both were now well stricken in years. 8 And it came to pass, that while he executed the priest's office before God in the order of his course, 9 According to the custom of the priest's office, his lot was to burn incense when he went into the temple of the Lord. 10 And the whole multitude of the people were praying without at the time of incense. 11 And there appeared unto him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense. 12 And when Zacharias saw him, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him. 13 But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John. 14 And thou shalt have joy and gladness; and many shall rejoice at his birth. 15 For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb. 16 And many of the children of Israel shall he turn to the Lord their God. 17 And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord. 18 And Zacharias said unto the angel, Whereby shall I know this? for I am an old man, and my wife well stricken in years. 19 And the angel answering said unto him, I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God; and am sent to speak unto thee, and to shew thee these glad tidings. 20 And, behold, thou shalt be dumb, and not able to speak, until the day that these things shall be performed, because thou believest not my words, which shall be fulfilled in their season. 21 And the people waited for Zacharias, and marvelled that he tarried so long in the temple. 22 And when he came out, he could not speak unto them: and they perceived that he had seen a vision in the temple: for he beckoned unto them, and remained speechless. 23 And it came to pass, that, as soon as the days of his ministration were accomplished, he departed to his own house. 24 And after those days his wife Elisabeth conceived, and hid herself five months, saying, 25 Thus hath the Lord dealt with me in the days wherein he looked on me, to take away my reproach among men." (Luke 1:5-25)

Zacharias

very old

John the Baptist

Elisabeth

INTRODUCTION

- a) Zacharias priest of tribe of Levi
- b) Mary of tribe of Judah
- c) God worked through ~~some~~ individual persons of different tribes of Israel
- d) Last time God spoke through prophets was 400 years earlier
- e) Herod the Great ruled 37 BC to 4 BC

"And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren."
(Luke 1:36)

1. A Serious **COUPLE** (v. 5-7) ^{parents of John the Baptist}

- A. A godly Husband - followed God
- B. A devoted Wife - Elizabeth

Quote: "In their hearts they bore a deep silent sorrow, for among the Jews it was a reproach and interpreted as a sign of divine displeasure to be childless. They had prayed much about this and not selfishly. Every Jewish family hoped for a son who would prove to be the Deliverer, the Messiah King."

—John Shepard

2. A Serving **FATHER** (v. 8-17) ^{served in temple}

- A. The faithful ^{service} of Zacharias - ^{twice each year}
- B. The supplication of Zacharias -

THE PROCESS [sacrifice & prayer
Heb 10:19-22 New Covenant
THE PRAYER [he prayed at altar of incense
people prayed outer court

"And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints." (Revelation 5:8)

C. The Surprise of Zacharias

THE APPEARANCE OF GABRIEL - angel from God
THE ANSWER OF THE LORD - son John the Baptist

life is
sacred

THE SANCTITY OF LIFE (John the Baptist)

*"For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb. 16 And many of the children of Israel shall he turn to the Lord their God."
(Luke 1:15-16)*

3. A Supernatural **ANNOUNCEMENT**

A. Despite the doubt

ZACHARIAS QUESTIONED - similar to Abraham
Gen 18:10-15
GABRIEL QUIETED - angel's answer

B. Despite the worry

ELISABETH CONCEIVED A SON - in old age
ELISABETH RECEIVED GRACE FROM GOD - Heb 11:11
received strength

"Sing unto the Lord, O ye saints of his, and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness. 5 For his anger endureth but a moment; in his favour is life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning. 6 And in my prosperity I said, I shall never be moved. 7 Lord, by thy favour thou hast made my mountain to stand strong; thou didst hide thy face, and I was troubled. 8 I cried to thee, O Lord; and unto the Lord I made supplication." (Psalm 30:4-8)

CONCLUSION

