THE FAITH OF ZECHARIAH AND ELIZABETH

Luke 1:1–25

Key Verse: 1:6

1. What were "the things that have been fulfilled among us"? (1) Who handed down this account? (2) How did Luke confirm the facts of Jesus' life and ministry? (3) Why did he write this Gospel, and what does this mean to us? (4) Look at verse 5a. What kind of king was Herod, and how did his rule affect people?

2. What kind of people were Zechariah and Elizabeth? (5b) Read verse 6. What does “both of them” tell us? What made them "righteous in the sight of God"? What does “observing” mean? How did God’s commands and decrees help them? (Ps1:1–3; 19:7–11; 119:11,15,97–99) How did their personal problem highlight their faith? (7)

3. Why was this a special time for Zechariah? (8–10) What did the burning of incense mean? What were these people worshiping and praying for? Why was Zechariah fearful? (11–13) What had he evidently been praying for? Why was this answer to prayer amazing? What can we learn here about prayer? About God/his ways of working?

4. What would be the responses to John's birth? (14) Why? (15a) What kind of life would he live? (15b) What would be his mission? (16–17) What can we learn here about true greatness?

5. How did Zechariah respond to the news? (18) How did the angel answer? (19–20) Why did God give Zechariah this "mute training"? What can we learn here? What happened when he came out of the temple? (21–22) When he returned home? (23–24) What was Elizabeth's confession of faith? (25) What can we learn here about her?