BOTH OF THEM WERE RIGHTEOUS IN THE SIGHT OF GOD

Luke 1:1–25

Key Verse: 1:6

1. How did the author Luke introduce this Gospel? (1–4) What things were important to him in this account, and why?
2. What is the historical setting? (5a) What couple does Luke introduce us to? (5b) What is the significance that they were both descendants of priests? How is their own spiritual life described, what does it mean, and why is it important? (6) What other details are given, and how does it highlight their relationship with God? (7)
3. What happened to Zechariah? (8,9) What did it mean to do this? How is the scene described? (10) Why were these people doing this? What happened inside the temple? (11) How did Zechariah respond, and why? (12) What did the angel say to him, and what can we learn from this? (13)
4. What does the name “John” mean? What did the angel predict? (14) Why would people respond to his birth like that? (15a) How did the angel describe John’s life, and why were these things necessary? (15b) What would John do with his life? (16) How else is his ministry described, and what lessons can we learn from this? (17)
5. What did Zechariah say, and why? (18) What did the angel say, and why? (19) How would God discipline Zechariah, and why? (20) What were the people doing? (21) What did Zechariah do, and how did they interpret it? (22)
6. What happened when Zechariah returned home? (23,24) How did Elizabeth respond to this, and what else does this tell us about her? (25) Summarize what we can learn from all these things about God? Why were Zechariah and Elizabeth so important in the story of the birth of Jesus?