“A HORN OF SALVATION”

Luke 1:57–80

Key Verse: 1:69

1. How did the neighbors and relatives feel about the birth of Elizabeth’s son, and why? (57,58) What were they going to name him, what did Elizabeth say, and why? (59,60) How did they respond? (61) What did Zechariah say, what happened to him, and why? (62–64) Why is it important to obey God rather than human traditions and customs?
2. How did the neighbors respond to these things? (65,66) What does it mean that “the Lord’s hand was with him,” and what can parents learn from this?
3. What happened to Zechariah? (67) What has God done for his people, and what do these things mean? (68–71) How is being “redeemed” related to his “salvation”? What does the imagery of a “horn” suggest? Who were Israel’s enemies? Who are our real enemies? Why did God do this? (72a)
4. What was God’s “holy covenant”? (72b–75) What hope did it give to the Israelites? How does it bring God’s salvation into our lives practically?
5. What did Zechariah say to his son John? (76,77) How can we be prepared to receive Jesus and know his salvation? What does Zechariah call Jesus? (78,79) What does it mean to live “in darkness and in the shadow of death”? How does the image of “the rising sun” illustrate how Jesus helps us? What is “the path of peace”? (80)