



Introduction

The announcement of the births of John and Jesus Christ and events following.



Questions

1. What good news did the angel tell Zacharias about his wife?
2. What did the angel tell Zacharias that his son would do?
3. What did the angel tell Mary about the son she was going to have?



Summary Points

- **v 1 to 4** This narrative is for Theophilus
- **v 5 to 25** Zacharias and Elizabeth are promised a son, John, who will prepare the nation of Israel for the coming of the Lord
- **v 26 to 31** The angel Gabriel tells the virgin Mary (see theme), she will have a son, conceived by God's Spirit (see theme) who is to be called Jesus
- **v 32 and 33** Gabriel tells Mary that Jesus will:
 - be Son of God
 - be given David's throne
 - reign over an endless Kingdom
- **v 34 to 45** The angel tells her more about her son, and about Elisabeth whom she then visits
- **v 46 to 55** Mary says that she has been blessed by God. She says that God helps those who fear him including the descendants of Abraham
- **v 56 to 80** John is born and Zacharias praises God, seeing the coming of God's salvation and forgiveness of sins

Timeline 30 AD (see below)



Themes

Jesus was born of the virgin Mary

It was always central to God's purpose to provide his Son as the Saviour.

Paul makes clear that this Son was a human being born of a woman:

Galatians 4 verse 4

There had been a promise in Eden of a special descendant of the woman (Eve):

Genesis 3 verse 15

The prophet Isaiah gave more detail of how this would happen:

Isaiah 7 verse 14

The gospel records are very explicit that Jesus was born of a virgin, whose name was Mary:

Matthew 1 verses 18 to 21

That Joseph was not the father is also explicitly stated:

Matthew 1 verses 24 and 25

The angel Gabriel explained to Mary how the conception and birth would come about:

Luke 1 verses 26 and 27, 34 and 35



The Holy Spirit is God's power

All through the Bible we see examples of God using his Spirit power to achieve all his purposes.

By his Spirit, God created and sustains all things:

Genesis 1 verses 1 and 2

Job 33 verse 4, 34 verses 14 and 15

God is everywhere present by his Spirit:

Psalms 139 verses 1 to 12

By his Spirit God gave us His message in the Bible:

2 Peter 1 verses 20 and 21

Micah 3 verse 8

By his Spirit God caused Jesus Christ to be born:

Luke 1 verse 35

The disciples of Jesus Christ were promised special powers to help them in their preaching:

Luke 24 verse 49

God used the Holy Spirit to guide the apostles:

Acts 16 verses 6 and 7

🔍 Answers to questions

Verses which answer the questions:

Q 1: v 13, Q 2: v 16, Q 3: v 32 and 33



Bible timeline

