

From the Womb of the Temple

Luke 1:5-25

Jesus the Christ has come. But where did He come from?

How are the Old and New Testament related?

Why does Luke begin his gospel in the Temple?

Who were John's parents? verses 5-7

They were of priestly descent.

They had telling names.

They were Old Testament believers.

They believed the promise of God in spite of their barrenness.

What was Zechariah doing in the temple? verses 8-10

Incense was prayer. (Psalm 141:2; Revelation 5:8; 8:3-5)

Gabriel interrupts, verses 11-20

Fear and comfort

What prayer was answered?

Who will John be?

He will be great in the estimation of God.

He will be a Nazarite; kind of.

He will be filled with the Holy Spirit from the womb.

He will convert many back to the Lord.

He will be a forerunner for the Messiah. (Malachi 3:1; 4:5)

Zechariah asking for proof

He had the word of the Lord from an Angel was not enough.

Gabriel's response

I stand in the presence of God.

I have been sent to speak to you.

I bring good news to you.

Responding to the Message

Luke begins his gospel with a priest serving in the temple.

How do we prepare for His coming?

By turning back to the Lord, by repentance

By returning to the attitude, or the mind of the righteous

By trusting God; taking Him at His word