

# Sermon

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## Luke 1 (NIV)

5 In the time of Herod king of Judea there was  
a priest named Zechariah  
... his wife Elizabeth ...

6 Both of them were righteous in the sight of God,  
... 7 But they were childless  
...and they were both very old.



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11 ... an angel of the Lord appeared to Zechariah,  
... “...Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son  
...call him John

... 15 he will be great in the sight of the Lord  
... he will be filled with the Holy Spirit  
even before he is born.

...17 he will go on before the Lord  
... to make ready a people  
prepared for the Lord.”

... 20 And now you will be silent...”.



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39 ... Mary got ready and hurried to a town  
in the hill country of Judea,  
40 where she entered Zechariah's home and  
greeted Elizabeth.

41 When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting,  
the baby leaped in her womb,  
and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.



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Luther: “With one bolt of lightning, he hurls together both ‹the righteous and the unrighteous›.

He says: ‘Repent!’ [Matthew 3:2].

Now one group imagines,  
‘Why, we have repented!’

The other says,  
‘We need no repentance’ ”

(SA III III 30–31).



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Chrysostom: “When the sacrifice was not yet offered ... how was remission to take place? ... Had they not **condemned** themselves, they could not have **sought** after His grace; and not seeking, they could not have **obtained** remission. Thus that **baptism led the way** for this; wherefore also he said, that ‘they should believe on Him which should come after him’ ”

(NPNF1 10:62–63).



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4 As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah  
the prophet:

“A voice of one calling in the wilderness,  
‘Prepare the way for the Lord,  
make straight paths for him.



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5 Every **valley** shall be **filled in**,  
every mountain and hill **made low**.

The **crooked roads** shall become **straight**,  
the **rough** ways **smooth**.

6 And **all people** will see **God's salvation**.””



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**Action:** By the grace of God and guidance of the Holy Spirit, we seek to fulfil this mission and vision through:

- 1) a life of worship,
- 2) spiritual growth,
- 3) **Christian care,**
- 4) **school ministry** and
- 5) **reaching out.**



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