

INTRODUCTION

- * Last week we began studying "The Gospel According to Luke." Luke's desire was to present an orderly account of the ministry of Jesus the Christ in order that those who heard could be assured of the verity of the testimony they had heard.
- * Today, the goal is to examine the beginning of that orderly account. Luke, by the guidance of the Holy Spirit, determined that the Good News of Jesus Christ coming into the world actually begins with the Angelic Announcement to Zacharias regarding the birth of John.
- * First, we consider the human vessels who God chose to use for this special privilege. Then, we consider Zacharias' interaction with Gabriel.

INSTRUCTION**I. ZACHARIAS & ELIZABETH**

A. They Were _____ (cf. 1 Chronicles 24)

B. They Were _____ (v. 6)

1. OLD TESTAMENT EXAMPLES (cf. Genesis 6:9; 7:1; 17:1; Job 1:1,8; 9:2)
2. NEW TESTAMENT EXHORTATION (cf. Romans 3:9-25; James 2:10; Titus 3:3-7; 2 Corinthians 5:21)

C. They Were _____ (v. 7)

II. ZACHARIAS & GABRIEL

A. The P _____ (v. 11-17)

1. THE A _____ OF GABRIEL
2. THE A _____ OF GABRIEL
 - a. Your Prayer is Heard
 - b. Your Wife will Bear You a Son

B. The D _____ (v. 18-25)

1. THE C _____
2. THE C _____
3. THE C _____ (v. 23-25)

INTROSPECTION

- * How have you responded to the message of God?
- * Do you believe that God can do great things?
- * Do you believe that He can do great things through you?
- * Do you believe that God will chasten those whom He loves?
- * Is there a need to change the way you think and therefore the way you act?

INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion

- * How can we best encourage one another to respond faithfully to God's mission and call in our lives?