THE BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST FORETOLD

Luke 1:5–25

Key Verse: 1:13

1. To what does “the days of Herod, king of Judea” refer? (5a) How are Zechariah and Elizabeth described, and what does this mean? (5b–6) What is their problem, and why was this hard for them? (7)
2. How is the special setting of this event described? (8–10) What did it mean for a priest to be chosen by lot to burn incense in the temple? What does the people praying outside suggest? How was God working in these things?
3. How is Zechariah’s encounter with the angel described, and why did he react like this? (11,12) Read verse 13. How is this good news to Zechariah? What details does the angel give about their son, and what is God planning to do through him? (13b–17)
4. What does Zechariah say to the angel and why? (18) What does the angel tell him, and what does this suggest about Zechariah’s problem? (19,20) What happens when he comes out of the temple? (21–23)
5. What happens to Elizabeth, what does she do, and why? (24) What does she say, and what can we learn from this? (25)