

Sending Jesus: How God Brought His Son to Earth
God Keeps His Promises
Luke 1:57-80

Luke 1:57 (ESV)

Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son.

Luke 1:58 (ESV)

And her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her.

Luke 1:59 (ESV)

And on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child. And they would have called him Zechariah after his father,

Luke 1:60 (ESV)

but his mother answered, No; he shall be called John.”

Luke 1:61 (ESV)

And they said to her, None of your relatives is called by this name.”

Luke 1:62 (ESV)

And they made signs to his father, inquiring what he wanted him to be called.

Luke 1:63 (ESV)

And he asked for a writing tablet and wrote, His name is John.” And they all wondered.

Luke 1:64 (ESV)

And immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue loosed, and he spoke, blessing God.

Luke 1:65 (ESV)

And fear came on all their neighbors. And all these things were talked about through all the hill country of Judea,

Luke 1:66 (ESV)

and all who heard them laid them up in their hearts, saying, What then will this child be?” For the hand of the Lord was with him.

Luke 1:67 (ESV)

And his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied, saying,

1. Promises about Jesus Christ and God's Visitation

Luke 1:68 (ESV)

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for He has visited and redeemed His people

Luke 1:69 (ESV)

and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of His servant David,

Exodus 13:19 (ESV)

Moses took the bones of Joseph with him, for Joseph had made the sons of Israel solemnly swear, saying, "God will surely visit you, and you shall carry up my bones with you from here."

2. Promises about the Jewish People and God's Liberation

Luke 1:70 (ESV)

as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,

Luke 1:71 (ESV)

that we should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us;

Luke 1:72 (ESV)

to show the mercy promised to our fathers and to remember His holy covenant,

Luke 1:73 (ESV)

the oath that He swore to our father Abraham, to grant us

Genesis 22:17 (ESV)

I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies,

Genesis 22:18 (ESV)

and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.

Luke 1:74 (ESV)

that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, might serve Him without fear,

Luke 1:75 (ESV)

in holiness and righteousness before Him all our days.

3. Promises about John the Baptist and God's Preparation

Luke 1:76 (ESV)

And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare His ways,

Luke 1:77 (ESV)

to give knowledge of salvation to His people in the forgiveness of their sins,

Luke 1:78 (ESV)

because of the tender mercy of our God, whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high

Luke 1:79 (ESV)

to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

Luke 1:80 (ESV)

And the child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day of his public appearance to Israel.