

## Luke 1:5-25

# "God Keeps His Promises"



# Survey Outline:

#### I. The Son of Man introduced

\* Luke 1:1 – 4:13

#### II. The Son of Man in Galilee

\* Luke 4: 14 – 9: 50

#### III. The Son of Man travels toward Jerusalem

\* Luke 9: 51 – 19: 28

#### IV. The Son of Man is rejected, crucified, and resurrected

\* Luke 19: 29 — 24: 53

5 There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judea, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the division of Abijah. His wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. 6 And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless. 7 But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and they were both well advanced in years. 8 So it was, that while he was serving as priest before God in the order of his division

9 according to the custom of the priesthood, his lot fell to burn incense when he went into the temple of the Lord. 10 And the whole multitude of the people was praying outside at the hour of incense. 11 Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing on the right side of the altar of incense. 12 And when Zacharias saw him, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him. 13 But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your prayer is heard; and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John.

14 And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth. 15 For he will be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink. He will also be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb. 16 And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God. 17 He will also go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, 'to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children,' and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."

18 And Zacharias said to the angel, "How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is well advanced in years." 19 And the angel answered and said to him, "I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God, and was sent to speak to you and bring you these glad tidings. 20 But behold, you will be mute and not able to speak until the day these things take place, because you did not believe my words which will be fulfilled in their own time." 21 And the people waited for Zacharias, and marveled that he lingered so long in the temple.

22 But when he came out, he could not speak to them; and they perceived that he had seen a vision in the temple, for he beckoned to them and remained speechless. 23 So it was, as soon as the days of his service were completed, that he departed to his own house. 24 Now after those days his wife Elizabeth conceived; and she hid herself five months, saying, 25 "Thus the Lord has dealt with me, in the days when He looked on me, to take away my reproach among people."

I. The Setting



# The Setting:

• Time Frame:

- "in the days of Herod the king of Judea"

\* 37 b.c. to 4 a.d.



# The Setting:

• Characters:

- Zacharias = "Yahweh remembers"

- Elizabeth = "The oath of God"



# The Setting:

- Details:
  - Both are righteous before God
  - Both walk in the commandments
  - Both blameless
  - Had no children
  - Elizabeth is barren
  - Both well advanced in years



I. The Setting

II. The Occasion



## The Occasion:

- Zachariah serving as priest in his division
- Specifically burning incense
- The others are outside praying



- I. The Setting
- II. The Occasion
- III. The Angel and his message



# The Angel and his message:

• As Zachariah saw it vv. 11-12

• The Message:



# The Angel and his message:

- The Message:
  - 1- Do not be afraid
  - 2- Your prayers are heard
  - 3- Your wife will bear you a son
  - 4- You will have joy and gladness
  - 5- He will be great in the sight of the Lord
  - 6- He shall not drink wine nor strong drink
  - 7- He will be filled with the Holy Spirit
  - 8- He will turn many to the Lord
  - 9- He will go before Him in Spirit of Elijah
  - 10- "to make ready a people prepared for the Lord"



- I. The Setting
- II. The Occasion
- III. The Angel and his message
- IV. Zachariah's unbelief and the consequence



## Zachariah's response:

- Zachariah's reponse v. 18
- Angel reveals himself v. 19



#### Daniel 8: 15-19 (NKJV)

15 Then it happened, when I, Daniel, had seen the vision and was seeking the meaning, that suddenly there stood before me one having the appearance of a man. 16 And I heard a man's voice between the banks of the Ulai, who called, and said, "Gabriel, make this man understand the vision." 17 So he came near where I stood, and when he came I was afraid and fell on my face; but he said to me, "Understand, son of man, that the vision refers to the time of the end." 18 Now, as he was speaking with me, I was in a deep sleep with my face to the ground; but he touched me, and stood me upright. 19 And he said, "Look, I am making known to you what shall happen in the latter time of the indignation; for at the appointed time the end shall be.

#### Daniel 9: 20-23 (NKJV)

20 Now while I was speaking, praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the LORD my God for the holy mountain of my God, 21 yes, while I was speaking in prayer, the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, reached me about the time of the evening offering. 22 And he informed me, and talked with me, and said, "O Daniel, I have now come forth to give you skill to understand. 23 At the beginning of your supplications the command went out, and I have come to tell you, for you are greatly beloved; therefore consider the matter, and understand the vision:



#### Daniel 10: 10-13 (NKJV)

10 Suddenly, a hand touched me, which made me tremble on my knees and on the palms of my hands. 11 And he said to me, "O Daniel, man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak to you, and stand upright, for I have now been sent to you." While he was speaking this word to me, I stood trembling. 12 Then he said to me, "Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand, and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard; and I have come because of your words. 13 But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days; and behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left alone there with the kings of Persia.

## Zachariah's response:

- Zachariah's reponse v. 18
- Angel reveals himself v. 19
- Consequences of doubt v. 20
- The people's recognition v. 21-22



- I. The Setting
- II. The Occasion
- III. The Angel and his message
- IV. Zachariah's unbelief and the consequence
- V. The firstfruits of God's fulfilled promises



### The Firstfruits of God's fulfilled promises:

- Zachariah goes home v. 23
- Elizabeth conceives v. 24
- Elizabeth acknowledges God's faithfulness



# Application:



- Is God faithful or no?
- Do you trust Him or no?
- What leads you to unbelief?
- How can we know He is trustworthy?
- How do I trust Him?

