

Anticipating The King

Luke 1:24-25, 42-55, 68-75

Elizabeth

- Barren, advanced in years.
- From the daughters of Aaron.
- Righteous, blameless in commandments and statutes.

Luke 1:24-25 After these days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she kept herself hidden, saying, "Thus the Lord has done for me in the days when He looked on me, to take away my reproach among people."

- Mary visits. John, in the womb, leaps as Elizabeth nears Mary.

Luke 1:42-45 and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord."

- **Joyful, grateful, thankful to be a part of the story of the coming King.**

Zechariah

- Old.
- Serving as a priest of God, on duty.
- Had been praying for his wife...for a child.
- Is told he will have a son...that many will rejoice at his birth; that he will have joy, gladness.

Luke 1:68-75 "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David, as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, that we should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us; to show the mercy promised to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant, the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all our days. And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people in the forgiveness of their sins, because of the tender mercy of our God, whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

- **Doubts, is chastised, blesses God. Fear comes upon his neighbors. Knows this son of his was created for a huge purpose**

Mary

- Virgin. Betrothed.
- Visited by angel.
- Facing huge scandal.

Luke 1:46-55 And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate; he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever.

- **Worships, rejoices. Acknowledges how great God has been. Recounts His wondrous deeds. Remembers the promise to Abraham.**