

Luke 1:57-80

"John the Baptist and God's Covenant Faithfulness"



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

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Luke 1:57-58 (NKJV)

57Now Elizabeth's full time came for her to be delivered, and she brought forth a son.

58When her neighbors and relatives heard how the Lord had shown great mercy to her, they rejoiced with her.



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Luke 1:59-63 (NKJV)

- 59So it was, on the eighth day, that they came to circumcise the child; and they would have called him by the name of his father, Zacharias.
- 60His mother answered and said, "No; he shall be called John." 61But they said to her, "There is no one among your relatives who is called by this name."
- 62So they made signs to his father—what he would have him called.
- 63And he asked for a writing tablet, and wrote, saying, "His name is John." So they all marveled.

Genesis 17:10-12 (NKJV)

10This is My covenant which you shall keep, between Me and you and your descendants after you: Every male child among you shall be circumcised;

11and you shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskins, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between Me and you.

12He who is eight days old among you shall be circumcised, every male child in your generations, he who is born in your house or bought with money from any foreigner who is not your descendant.

Exodus 19:3-8 (NKJV)

3And Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel: 4'You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to Myself.

5Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine.

6And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel."

7So Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and laid before them all these words which the LORD commanded him.

8Then all the people answered together and said, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do." So Moses brought back the words of the people to the LORD.

Leviticus 12:1-3 (NKJV)

1Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 2"Speak to the children of Israel, saying: 'If a woman has conceived, and borne a male child, then she shall be unclean seven days; as in the days of her customary impurity she shall be unclean.

3And on the eighth day the flesh of his foreskin shall be circumcised.



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Luke 1:64-66 (NKJV)

64Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue loosed, and he spoke, praising God.

65Then fear came on all who dwelt around them; and all these sayings were discussed throughout all the hill country of Judea.

66And all those who heard them kept them in their hearts, saying, "What kind of child will this be?" And the hand of the Lord was with him.

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67Now his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Spirit, and prophesied, saying:

- 68"Blessed is the Lord God of Israel, For He has visited and redeemed His people,
- 69And has raised up a horn of salvation for us In the house of His servant David,
- 70As He spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets, Who have been since the world began,
- 71That we should be saved from our enemies And from the hand of all who hate us,

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- 72To perform the mercy promised to our fathers And to remember His holy covenant,
- 73The oath which He swore to our father Abraham:
- 74To grant us that we, Being delivered from the hand of our enemies, Might serve Him without fear,
- 75In holiness and righteousness before Him all the days of our life.



Hosea 3:1-5 (NKJV)

1Then the LORD said to me, "Go again, love a woman who is loved by a lover and is committing adultery, just like the love of the LORD for the children of Israel, who look to other gods and love the raisin cakes of the pagans."

2So I bought her for myself for fifteen shekels of silver, and one and one-half homers of barley.

3And I said to her, "You shall stay with me many days; you shall not play the harlot, nor shall you have a man—so, too, will I be toward you."

4For the children of Israel shall abide many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or sacred pillar, without ephod or teraphim.

5Afterward the children of Israel shall return and seek the LORD their God and David their king. They shall fear the LORD and His goodness in the latter days.

Joel 2:28-32 (NKJV)

- 28"And it shall come to pass afterward That I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your old men shall dream dreams, Your young men shall see visions.
- 29And also on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days.
- 30"And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth: Blood and fire and pillars of smoke.
- 31The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD.
- 32And it shall come to pass That whoever calls on the name of the LORD Shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be deliverance, As the LORD has said, Among the remnant whom the LORD calls.

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 For you will go before the face of the Lord to prepare His ways,
 77To give knowledge of salvation to His people By the
 remission of their sins,
- 78Through the tender mercy of our God, With which the Dayspring from on high has visited us;
- 79To give light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, To guide our feet into the way of peace."
- 80So the child grew and became strong in spirit, and was in the deserts till the day of his manifestation to Israel.

Application:



- Do you recall the promises of God awaiting fulfillment?
- Do you praise the LORD when His works are seen?
- Have you trusted in Christ alone for Salvation?
- Have you shared with your loved ones?

