

The Birth of John the Baptist (Luke 1)

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What's in a Name?

- “You shall call his name John” (v. 13).
- *Yochanan* (Hebrew) = “The Lord has shown favor”
- “John” is a promise to Zechariah and Elizabeth and the whole world
- What would have happened if Zechariah did not name his son John?

The Birth of John the Baptist Prepares the Way

- Luke 1:16-17
- John made ready for the Lord a people prepared to see Jesus
- The births of John and Jesus are intertwined
- Why is this so? To fulfill the words of the prophet Isaiah (Luke 3:4-6)

Connections Between the Life of John and the Life of Jesus

John	Jesus
1. Gabriel foretold John's birth	1. Gabriel foretold Jesus' birth
2. Miraculously born from Elizabeth in old age	2. Miraculously born from Mary, a virgin
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6.	6.
7.	7.

Zechariah as a Model of Christian Repentance

- Luke 1:6-7
- Luke 1:18-20, 23
- Luke 1:63-64