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**Sermon Notes for December 7<sup>th</sup>**

**"The King is Coming"**

**"Preparing the Way"**

Sermon Text: **Luke 1:5-25 (p. 1087)**; Old Testament Text: **Isaiah 40:1-5 (p. 762)**; New Testament Text: **Colossians 1:15-20 (p. 1251)**.

Read **Luke 1:5-25 (below)** while listening to the sermon, then answer the questions below.

**Luke 1:5-25:** In the days of Herod, king of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, of the division of Abijah. And he had a wife from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. <sup>6</sup> And they were both righteous before God, walking blamelessly in all the commandments and statutes of the Lord. <sup>7</sup> But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were advanced in years. <sup>8</sup> Now while he was serving as priest before God when his division was on duty, <sup>9</sup> according to the custom of the priesthood, he was chosen by lot to enter the temple of the Lord and burn incense. <sup>10</sup> And the whole multitude of the people were praying outside at the hour of incense. <sup>11</sup> And there appeared to him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense. <sup>12</sup> And Zechariah was troubled when he saw him, and fear fell upon him. <sup>13</sup> But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. <sup>14</sup> And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, <sup>15</sup> for he will be great before the Lord. And he must not drink wine or strong drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb. <sup>16</sup> And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God, <sup>17</sup> and he will 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 for the Lord a people prepared." <sup>18</sup> And Zechariah said to the angel, "How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is advanced in years." <sup>19</sup> And the angel answered him, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I was sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. <sup>20</sup> And behold, you will be silent and unable to speak until the day that these things take place, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time." <sup>21</sup> And the people were waiting for Zechariah, and they were wondering at his delay in the temple. <sup>22</sup> And when he came out, he was unable to speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the temple. And he kept making signs to them and remained mute. <sup>23</sup> And when his time of service was ended, he went to his home. <sup>24</sup> After these days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she kept herself hidden, saying, <sup>25</sup> "Thus the Lord has done for me in the days when he looked on me, to take away my reproach among people."

1. Read **Luke 1:5-7 (p. 1087)**. From whom were Zechariah and Elizabeth descended?

What kind of standing did Zechariah and Elizabeth have with the Lord?

Why had they never had children?

2. Read **Luke 1:8-10 (p. 1087)**. What duty was Zechariah performing on this day?

What were the people outside doing while Zechariah carried out his duty?

How was what the people were doing outside connected to what Zechariah was doing?

3. Read **Luke 1:11-13 (p. 1087)**. Who appeared to Zechariah?

How did Zechariah react to his appearance?

How do you think you would have reacted?

Summarize what the angel said in **v. 13**.

What name were they to call their son?

What did this name mean?

4. Read **Luke 1:14-17 (pp. 1087-1088)**. List four things this passage tells us John will do.

In whose spirit and power will John move?

What is John's primary duty?

5. Read **Luke 1:18-20 (p. 1088)**. How did Zechariah react to the angel's proclamation?

What is the angel's name?

Why was he upset with Zechariah's reaction?

What did Zechariah's doubts cause the angel to do?

6. Read **Luke 1:21-23 (p. 1088)**. What were the people wondering about Zechariah?

What did the people believe had happened to Zechariah?

What did Zechariah do when his time of service was up?

7. Read **Luke 1:24-25 (p. 1088)**. Why do you think Elizabeth stayed at home for five months?

Explain what Elizabeth is saying in **verse 25**.

8. What will you remember most from this message?