

SCRIPTURE READING

LUKE 1: 1 - 4

**INASMUCH AS MANY HAVE UNDERTAKEN
TO COMPILE AN ACCOUNT
OF THE THINGS ACCOMPLISHED AMONG
US,**

**JUST AS THEY WERE HANDED DOWN TO
US BY THOSE WHO FROM THE
BEGINNING WERE EYEWITNESSES AND
SERVANTS OF THE WORD,**

**LUKE 1: 1, 2 (NASB,
1999)**

**IT SEEMED FITTING FOR ME AS WELL,
HAVING INVESTIGATED EVERYTHING
CAREFULLY FROM THE BEGINNING, TO
WRITE *IT* OUT FOR YOU IN CONSECUTIVE
ORDER,
MOST EXCELLENT THEOPHILUS;**

**SO THAT YOU MAY KNOW THE EXACT
TRUTH ABOUT THE THINGS THAT YOU
HAVE BEEN TAUGHT.**

LUKE 1: 3, 4 (NASB,
1999)

ALL OF THIS HAPPENED FOR YOU

LUKE 1 : 1 - 25

**SERMON 1 OF SERIES ON
"THE GOSPEL
ACCORDING TO LUKE"**

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LUKE'S BIRTH AND DEATH ARE A SECRET OF HISTORY

AN ANOMALY AMONG THE NEW TESTAMENT WRITERS IN TERMS OF:

❖ **ETHNICITY (see COLOSSIANS 4: 10 -14; ACTS 1: 19)**

❖ **EDUCATION**



WHAT WE DO KNOW ABOUT LUKE :

☐ A HUMBLE UNASSUMING MAN

(LUKE AND ACTS ARE TECHNICALLY ANONYMOUS)

☐ A CLOSE ASSOCIATE, CORE MEMBER AND TRAVELLING COMPANION OF PAUL

(*SEE ACTS 16: 1 - 17; 20: 5 - 21: 18; ; 27; 1 - 28:16*)

☐ LOYAL TO PAUL IN THE FACE OF DANGER

LUKE 1: 1 - 4

**LUKE TELLS US THAT HE IS NOT LIKE
MATTHEW, MARK OR JOHN**

**HE IS NOT AN EYEWITNESS TO THE
EVENTS DESCRIBED**

**HE IS A HISTORICAL BIOGRAPHER OF
JESUS**

LUKE 1: 1 - 4

HE EXPLAINS THAT HIS ACCOUNT IS THE
RESULT OF A CAREFUL INVESTIGATION
OF ALL THE EVIDENCE.

HE STATES THAT HIS INTENTION IS TO
WRITE (*graphō*, 1:3) AN ORDERLY
CHRONOLOGICAL ACCOUNT OF WHAT
HAS BEEN TAUGHT **ORALLY** (*katēxeō* ,
1:4)



SUMMARY OF WHO LUKE WAS

- a **HISTORIAN** who gives us certainty about the Gospel of Jesus Christ:
 - ❖ “..*having followed all things closely for some time past..*”
 - ❖ “..*to write **an orderly account** for you..*”
 - ❖ “..*that you may have certainty concerning the things you have been taught*”



SUMMARY OF WHO LUKE WAS

- a **THEOLOGIAN** who touches us with **God's love** and grace:
 - ❖ the offer of ***salvation for all***,
 - ❖ the ***cross is lifted up high*** in the narrative,
 - ❖ the emphasis on ***the work of the Holy Spirit***



SUMMARY OF WHO LUKE WAS

- a **PHYSICIAN** who helps us to love people:
 - ❖ a man with a heart for people, who knew their names and stories,
 - ❖ a man who contrary to the prevalent culture mentions women (often by name) more than the other gospels,
 - ❖ a doctor who loved babies & children,
 - ❖ who also was very concerned about the poor.



SUMMARY OF WHO LUKE WAS

□ a **MUSICIAN** who sets our hearts to singing the praises of God Almighty:

- ❖ The narrative begins and ends with rejoicing
- ❖ The verb rejoice is found in Luke more times than in any other New Testament book.
- ❖ Joy is another word found regularly in his narrative
- ❖ Examples of music of praise to God - the

WHY DID LUKE WRITE?

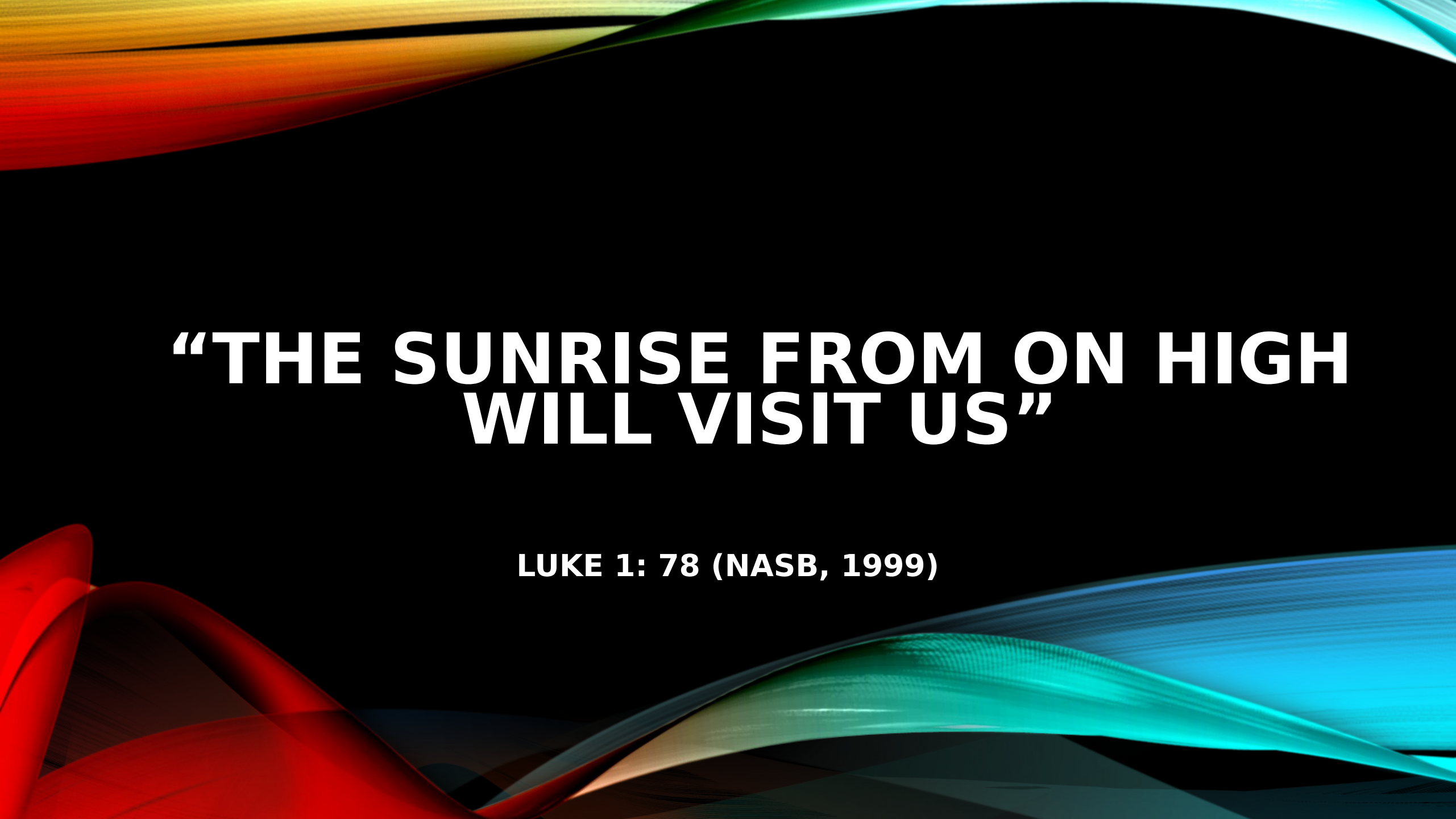
“...THAT
YOU MAY KNOW
THE EXACT TRUTH*
ABOUT
THE THINGS THAT YOU HAVE BEEN
TAUGHT”

* Alt. reading “**CERTAINTY**” (NIV)

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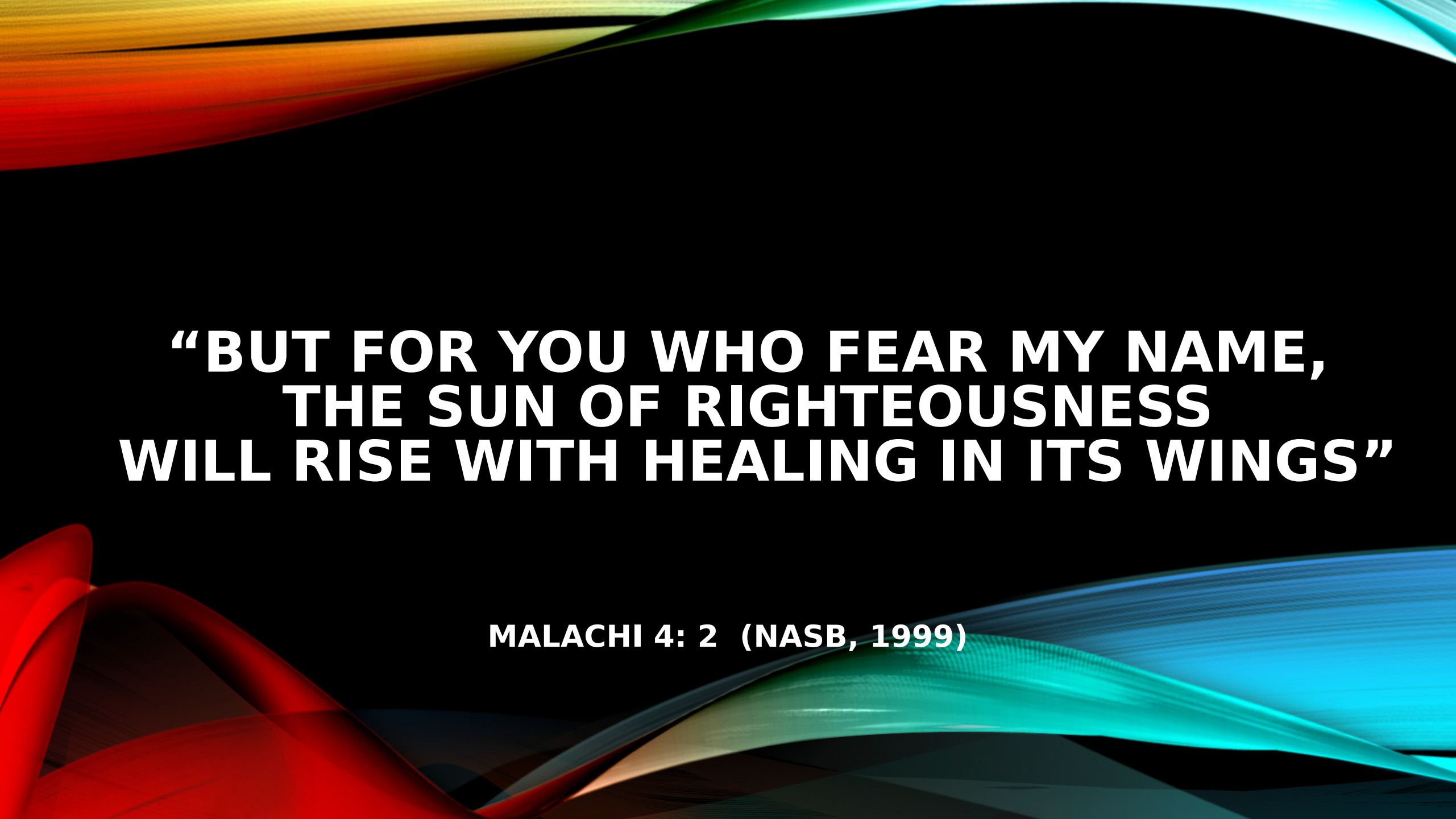
**SO THAT
THE WORLD WOULD KNOW
THAT THE LONG NIGHT OF SILENCE,
THAT LONG PERIOD OF DARKNESS
WAS ABOUT TO EXPERIENCE SUNRISE.**

DAWN WAS COMING...



**“THE SUNRISE FROM ON HIGH
WILL VISIT US”**

LUKE 1: 78 (NASB, 1999)



**“BUT FOR YOU WHO FEAR MY NAME,
THE SUN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS
WILL RISE WITH HEALING IN ITS WINGS”**

MALACHI 4: 2 (NASB, 1999)

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DAWN WAS ABOUT TO BREAK

LUKE 1: 5 -10

**THE COUPLE
WHO STOOD AT
THE VERY HEART OF JEWISH HISTORY**

LUKE 1: 5 -10

**ZECHARIAH & ELIZABETH
were not mentioned in the other
Gospels.**

**Luke mentions them as a historical
benchmark to pinpoint the date for us as
June/July 6 BC**

**Luke starts his Gospel by showing us
how all these events fit into where we
are standing.**

LUKE 1: 5 -10

ZECHARIAH & ELIZABETH

**Both were of priestly descent
Zechariah was an ordinary country priest
who stood before the Lord in the inner
room of The Temple**

**They were both “righteous before the
LORD” (1: 6) – beautiful people in God’s
eyes**

LUKE 1: 5 -10

ZECHARIAH & ELIZABETH*
were not sinless
but their lives conformed to God's Law
(v.6)

However,
they were childless
As such they bore the moral stigma &
reproach that came with it (v 25; also Leviticus

20: 20, 21)
*** Zechariah = "The LORD has Remembered"; Elizabeth =**
"God's oath"

LUKE 1: 5 -10

**ZECHARIAH & ELIZABETH
were also
“advanced in years”**

**Humanly speaking this righteous couple
could never have a child of their own**

***‘A man, when his growth is over, is dry and
cold’***

Hippocrates

LUKE 1: 5 -10

**THIS COUPLE
DID NOT REALISE THAT
SUNRISE WAS ABOUT TO HAPPEN

THE DARKNESS WAS ABOUT TO BE
DISPERSED**

LUKE 1: 11,12

THE ENCOUNTER

AN ANGEL OF THE LORD APPEARS

LUKE 1: 13 -17

THE BREAKING OF THE DAWN

GOOD NEWS PROCLAIMED

PRAYERS OF ANGUISH ARE ANSWERED

***“DO NOT BE AFRAID, ZECHARIAH, FOR YOUR PETITION HAS
BEEN HEARD, AND YOUR WIFE ELIZABETH WILL BEAR YOU A
SON...”***

LUKE 1: 18 - 25

ZECHARIAH'S STRUGGLES

**LEARNING
TO SEE FROM HEAVEN'S PERSPECTIVE**

**ZECHARIAH'S STRUGGLES TO
BELIEVE THE ANGEL'S WORDS...**

**HIS WOEFUL DISBELIEF
IMPLICITLY DENIED THE POWER
CENTRAL TO THE GOSPEL -
THE POWER OF RESURRECTION**

LUKE 1: 18 - 25

**THE MESSIANIC AGE
DEMANDS BELIEF!**

**LUKE 1:
18 - 25**

**THE ESSENCE OF THE
GOSPEL**

IS THAT

GOD HELPS THOSE

**WHO CANNOT HELP
THEMSELVES**

LUKE 1: 18 - 25

ZECHARIAH WOULD ONLY SPEAK AGAIN WHEN HE NAMED HIS SON YOHANAN

Lit. "God has been Gracious" or "God has shown favour"

**Zechariah had to learn to stop talking
and to listen.**

**God in His mercy gave him 9 months of
silence to reflect on his situation**

LUKE 1: 18 - 25

**ELIZABETH UNDERSTOOD THE GOSPEL
FASTER THAN HER HUSBAND.**

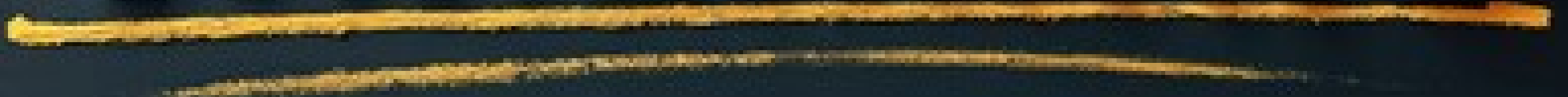
***“THE LORD HAS DONE THIS FOR ME.
IN THESE DAYS HE HAS SHOWN HIS
FAVOUR AND TAKEN AWAY MY DISGRACE
AMONG THE PEOPLE”***

LUKE 1: 25 (NIV)

KEY



TAKETAWAYS





GOD FULFILLS HIS PROMISES - ALWAYS

**FOR THE JEWISH PEOPLE,
THE BEGINNING OF LUKE'S GOSPEL
IS FANTASTIC NEWS
AFTER 400 YEARS OF SILENCE, OF
WAITING,
IT PROCLAIMS THAT GOD HAS
FULFILLED HIS PROMISES TO THEM
THROUGH THE BIRTH OF JOHN THE
BAPTIST AND OF JESUS**

**THE GOSPEL IS
OPEN TO
EVERYONE**

FOR THE GENTILES,

**THE COMING OF THE JEWISH
MESSIAH IS FANTASTIC NEWS
ALSO!**

**IT CALLS US TO NOT JUST BE
SPECTATORS
BUT**

**TO ACTUALLY TAKE OUR PLACE
WITH THE PEOPLE THAT GOD IS
MAKING READY FOR HIMSELF**



GOD ALWAYS ANSWERS PRAYER

***In His Time, In His Time,
He makes all things beautiful in
His time.***

***Lord, please show me every day,
As You're teaching me Your way,
That You do just what You say,
In Your Time***

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**LUKE IS CALLING ALL OF US TO CHANGE
OUR PERSPECTIVE AND TO SEE THINGS
FROM WHERE *GOD'S WARRIOR*
(GABRIEL) STOOD:**

**ALL THESE EVENTS IN THE YEAR 6 BC
HAPPENED FOR YOU AND ME.**

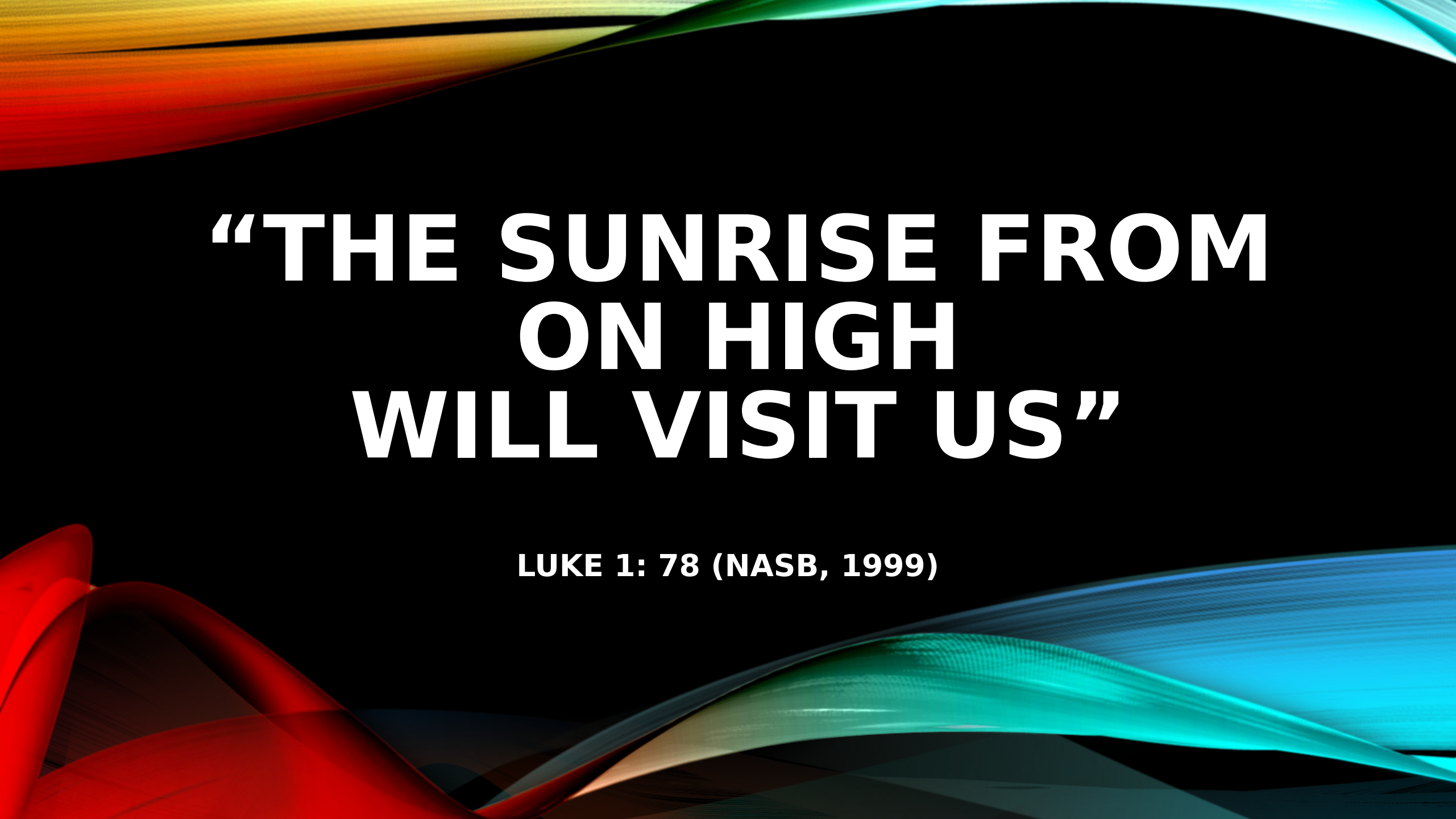
**LUKE'S GOSPEL POINTS US TO THE CROSS AND
JESUS' RESURRECTION.**

LUKE TELLS US THAT

***“ONLY REPENTANCE AND FORGIVENESS
OF SINS”***

(LUKE 24:47)

**CAN RESTORE US TO
THE FULLNESS OF LIFE THAT GOD**



**“THE SUNRISE FROM
ON HIGH
WILL VISIT US”**

LUKE 1: 78 (NASB, 1999)

WHAT IS YOUR RESPONSE TO THE GOOD NEWS TODAY?





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