**Your Prayer Has Been Heard**

Luke 1:1-25

Key Verse: 1:13

“But the angel said to him: “Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to call him John.”

1. What was “fulfilled… handed down”? (1-2) What was Luke’s motivation and purpose in compiling the gospel account? (1-4) How can this Gospel still be trustworthy today? Why is it important to see history from God’s perspective?

2. What might the life of Israelites be like in the time of Herod? How are Zechariah and Elizabeth described? (5b-7) Why were they called “righteous in the sight of God”?

3. Describe Zechariah's encounter with the angel Gabriel.(8-12) How was God working in these things? How did the angel greet him?(13A) What does this reveal about Zechariah’s prayer life and God?

4. What is the angel’s message? (13B-17) Why would his birth be a source of joy? (14) Why was John called ‘great in the sight of God’?(15) What is God planning to do through him? (16-17)

5. Why was Zechariah rebuked by the angel Gabriel?(18-19) How did God train him and what was the purpose of the training?(20-22) What happened to Elizabeth after Zechariah returned home? (23-24) What does her praise show about her faith?(25)

What can we learn about the life of faith and prayer from Zechariah and Elizabeth, and about the Lord who answers prayers?