

The Gospel According to Luke

JOHN IS BORN

PART 2

John the Baptist

READ LUKE 1:57-80

INTRODUCTION

With John's birth we see the fulfilment of the one that would come to proclaim the coming of the Messiah. His parents were blessed, he was blessed but it was not because they were special but because God chose them for a specific purpose.

We often think that we are blessed by God for our own purposes. That He has chosen us to be the recipients of His blessings because we deserve it or have earned it. We could not be more wrong. God has chosen us because He is good. Because He is mighty. Because He is great. Not because of what we have done.

This would be John's fate. Preparing the way of the Lord so that all glory could be given to Christ. Above all, his purpose was to glorify Christ. That is what we are to do as well.

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How would Zacharias and Elizebeth have felt once this new baby boy was brought into their lives? Why was it significant given what Scripture says? What is different between their blessing and Mary's?
2. Why is it so easy for us to take credit for things that God has done in our lives? How can we keep ourselves in check and not allow pride to take over in our hearts?
3. What is your calling? Why do you believe that God has given you that calling? What are some steps you can practically take that will help you fulfill the calling of God in your life?

WRAP UP

John was certainly a blessing for his parents and for the world. We take for granted all of the things that he had to endure himself that would have been culturally difficult. He stayed the course and sought the Lord and we are to do the same thing. We are to be faithful to what GOD has called us to do just like Elizabeth and Zacharias and John...and Jesus.