

# Jesus, the King has come

The Birth of John the Baptist: Luke 1:5-25  
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Luke 7:28

## I. Personal Devotion to Their Faith

John's birth story is taking place in a particular place at a particular time that is rooted in history.

Passing faith from one generation to the next requires personal devotion and diligence.

### Three things we know about Zechariah and Elizabeth:

1. They were old.
2. They were barren. *Psalm 127:3-5*
3. They were poor.

## II. Priestly Responsibility at the Temple

One of the priestly duties that was seen as a "once in a lifetime" privilege was to go into the Holy Place in the Temple and burn incense to honor the prayers of God's people.

## III. Profound Revelation by Gabriel

Gabriel is one of two angels who are actually mentioned in the Bible by name. The other is named Michael.

- There are thousands and thousands of angels ... some are holy ... some unholy.
- Angels tend to appear in two forms: one is where they look like a regular person.
- Often when angels appear it is OBVIOUS that they are supernatural beings.

Fear is the normal response in the Bible when someone saw an angel.

## IV. Predictable But Unacceptable Doubt

It is human nature to doubt the supernatural even when the evidence is right in front of us.

## V. Punishing Response to Disbelief

When you believe in God, He expects you to believe Him ... and trust Him!

## VI. Provision of a Miracle Child

The birth of John the Baptist was the launch miracle of the New Testament!

God promises when we can't hold any longer, He'll hold onto us.

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## Luke Reading Plan:

Week 2

1. Luke 1:67-80

2. Luke 2:1-7

3. Luke 2:8-21

4. Luke 2:22-32

5. Luke 2:33-40

6. Luke 2:41-52

7. Luke 3:1-9

## Ministry Opportunities

For more information about these and other events, go to [SavannahChristian.com/Events](http://SavannahChristian.com/Events).

### **Changes to Worship Services During The Journey**

**6:45 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3 and 10, and 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6 and 13**

#### **Henderson Campus**

Worship services on Wednesday and Saturday nights during The Journey will take place in the Adult Ministry Center across the street. These will be family-friendly services. No separate children's programming or nursery will be available. Please look out for directions to designated worship service parking when you come to church on those dates.

### **Changes to Blitz and Element Programming During The Journey**

Because The Link will be used for The Journey, Blitz will only meet at 10 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 7 and 14. There will be no Blitz on Wednesday, Dec. 3 and 10, or Saturday, Dec. 6 and 13. Element will only meet for Element U at 10 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 7. There will be no Element on Wednesday, Dec. 3 and 10, Sunday night on Dec. 7 or Sunday, Dec. 14.

### **RightNow Media**

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### **Divorce Care**

**10 - 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 7 - March 8**

#### **Room 216, Adult Ministry Center across the street**

Separation and divorce can be one of the most painful and stressful experiences you'll ever face, but you don't have to go through it alone. Link up with Divorce Care, a support group where you'll find caring, encouraging people who understand the issues you face and can help you on your journey toward recovery. This group meets for 13 weeks of informative, relevant sessions, designed so that you can begin attending on any week.