

DISCIPLE'S QUEST

*If you continue in My word, then you are
truly disciples of Mine.*

John 8:31



December 3, 2023

The Forerunner

Luke 1:1-25

Main Idea:

The birth of John the Baptist, the forerunner of Jesus, the Messiah, is announced.

Outline:

Four points from the text help us to understand the announcement and significance of John the Baptist's birth.

- 1) The situation (v.v. 5–7)
 - The historical setting
 - The personal circumstances of Zacharias and Elizabeth
- 2) The shocking intervention (v.v. 8-17)
- 3) The skepticism and silence (v.v. 18-23)
- 4) The seclusion (v.v. 24-25)

Questions for further contemplation and application after the message:

#1 What made Zacharias and Elizabeth especially well-suited to be the parents of the Messiah's forerunner?

#2 Why do you think Zacharias struggled to accept the angel's message and promise of a son at face value?

#3 According to the message, what is the significance of John the Baptist having been filled with the Holy Spirit from the womb?

#4 How is God's sovereignty evident in today's text?

How has His sovereignty been evident in your life?