

Purpose of Luke:

Luke writes to give us
assurance that Jesus is
indeed the Promised Savior

Strategy of Luke:

Luke writes as a meticulous historian inviting us to walk alongside Jesus from birth to his ascension

Structure of Luke:

- I. From Heaven to Bethlehem: The Birth of the Savior (1:5–2:52)

What's the big deal about John?

1. John is the fulfillment of OT prophecy
2. John announces who the Messiah is
3. John was sent ahead to prepare a people for the Lord



The Great Announcement: Part One

Luke 1:5–25

Theme

The birth and significance of the Lord's forerunner is announced in three parts.

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- I. The Sorrowful Backdrop (5–7)
 - A. Dark Times (5a)
 - B. A Faithful Couple (5b–7)
 - 1. Their name
 - 2. Their character

Matthew 6:1

“Beware of practicing your righteousness **before men to be noticed by them; otherwise you have no reward with your Father who is in heaven.”**

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A. Dark Times (5a)

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2. Their character
3. Their sorrow

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Psalm 34:15

**“The eyes of the Lord are toward
the righteous and His ears are
open to their cry.”**

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II. The Startling Announcement (8–17)

A. Salvation has come!

B. You will bear a son!

1. He will be a cause for great joy

2. He will be great in God's sight

3. He will be set apart unto God

4. He will be uniquely empowered for his calling

5. He will prepare a people for the Lord

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- I. The Sorrowful Backdrop (5–7)
- II. The Startling Announcement (8–17)
- III. The Skeptical Response (18–25)