

# CHARACTERS OF CHRISTMAS









Luke chapter 1 introduces Zechariah and Elizabeth as:  
**"righteous in the sight of God, observing all the  
Lord's commands and decrees blamelessly."**

Luke 1:6





The angel says,  
**“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.”**

Luke 1:13



**“He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice because of his birth, for he will be great in the sight of the Lord... He will bring back many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. And he will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah... to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.”**

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**“How can I be sure of this?”  
he asked. “I am an old man  
and my wife is well along in  
years.”**

**Luke 1:18**



**"The Lord has done this for me," she said. "In these days he has shown his favor and taken away my disgrace among the people."**

Luke 1:25





**The unborn John in Elizabeth's womb leaps for joy."**

Luke 1:41



A woman with a grey headscarf and a blue-green robe is holding a baby wrapped in a white cloth. She is looking down at the baby with a gentle smile. To her right, a man with a white beard and a brown robe is looking towards the camera. In the background, another woman is partially visible. The scene is set outdoors with warm, natural lighting.

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**“His name is John”**

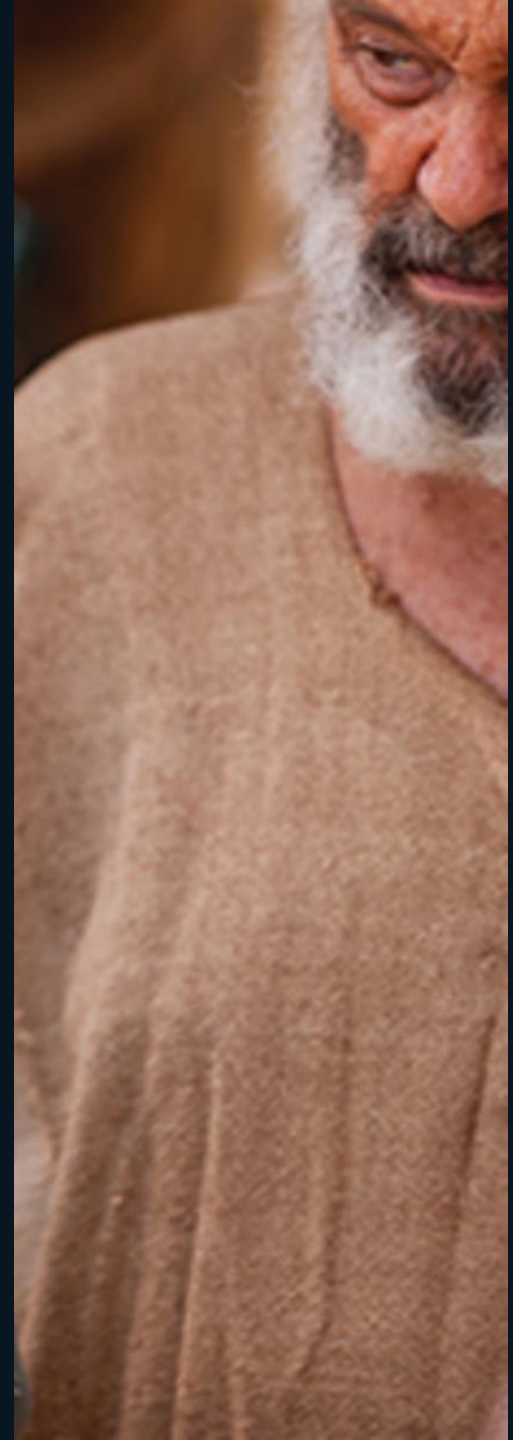
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Zechariah, filled with the Holy Spirit,  
foretold the mission of his son:

**“And you, my child, will be called a  
prophet of the Most High; for you will  
go on before the Lord to prepare the  
way for him, to give his people the  
knowledge of salvation through the  
forgiveness of their sins.”**

Luke 1:76-77



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He was the fulfillment of Isaiah’s prophecy: **“A voice of one calling: ‘In the wilderness prepare the way for the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.’”** Isaiah 40:3









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Malachi prophesied a forerunner:

**“Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me.”** Malachi 3:1





John tells them:

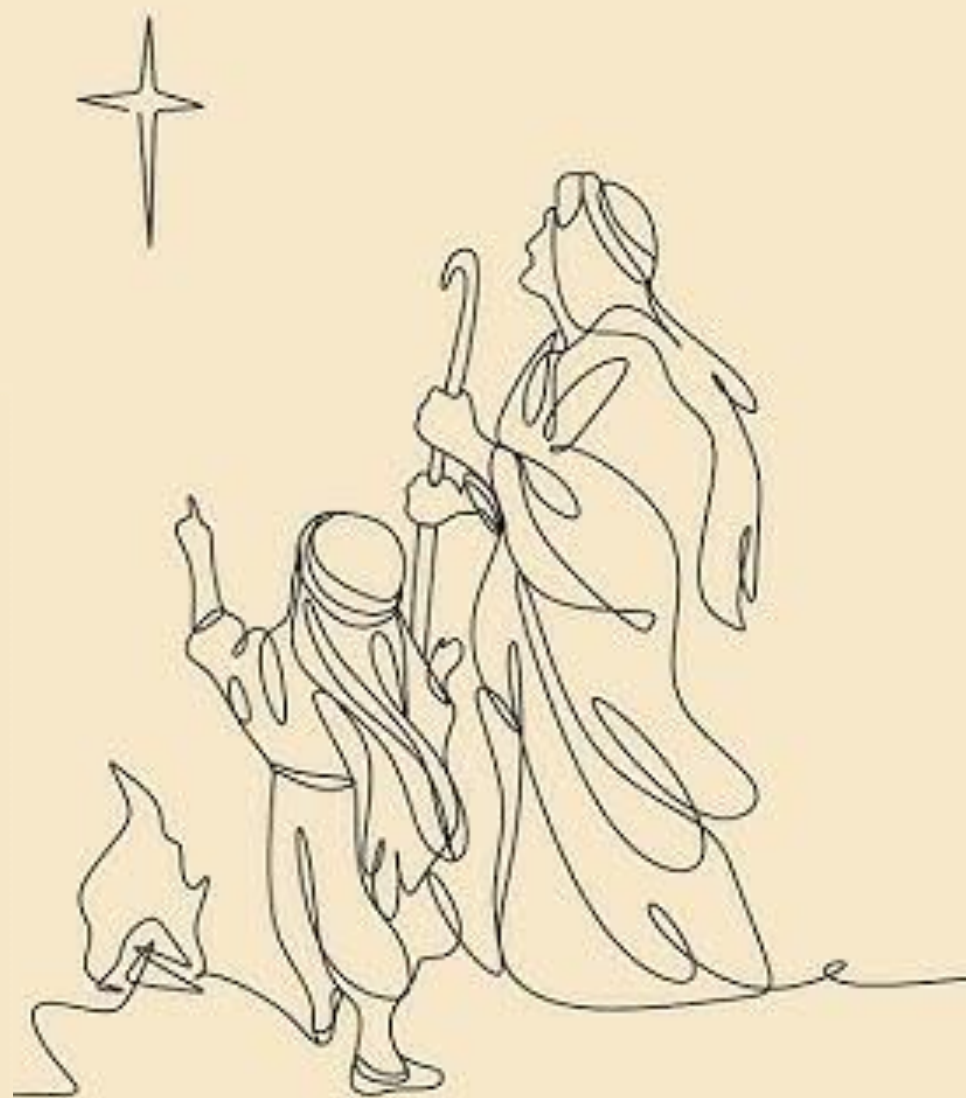
**“Bear fruit in keeping with repentance.”** Luke 3:8

**“I baptize you with water... but He who is coming after me is mightier... He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.”** Matthew 3:11

**“Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!”** John 1:29



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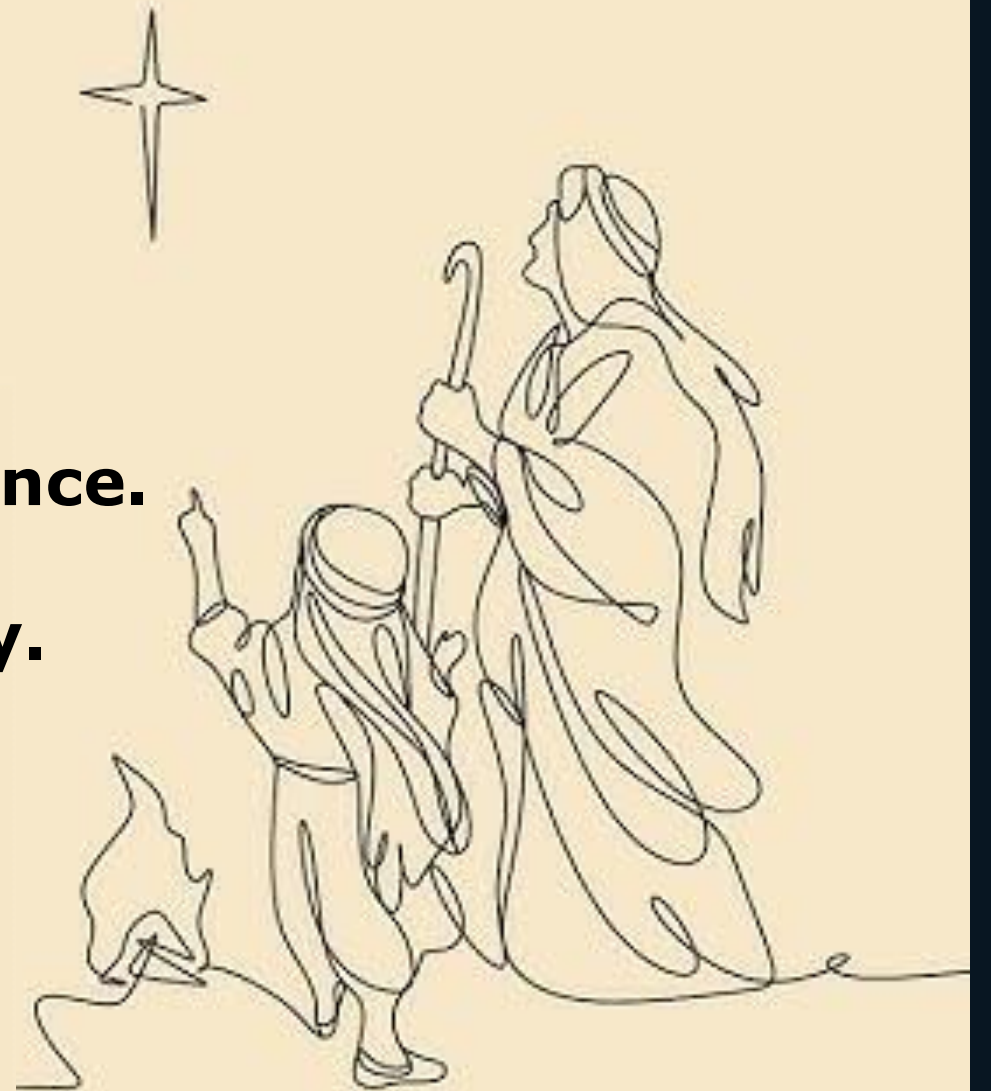
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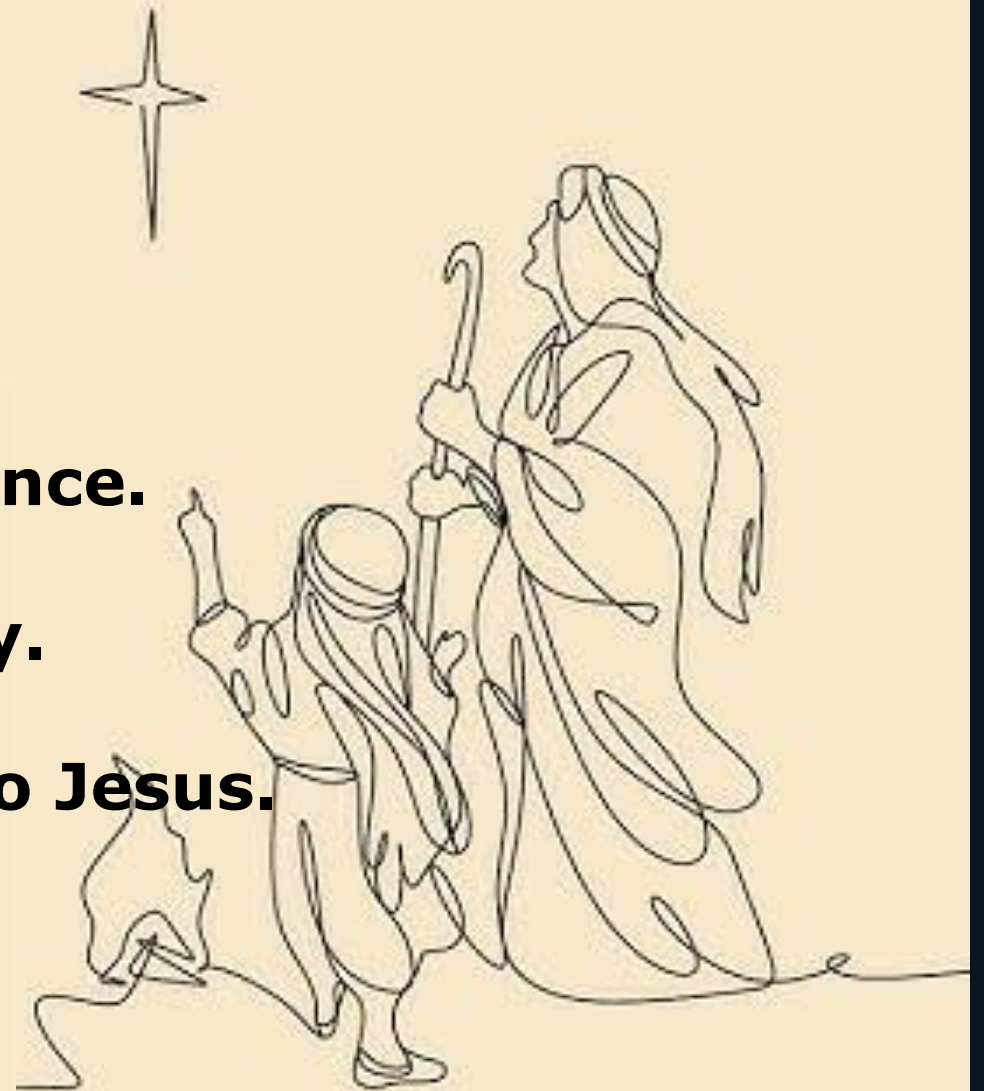


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