

Inspirational words (Luke chapter 1)

week of 02.18.24

His forerunner was prepared

- A priest named Zachariah and his wife, Elizabeth; they had no child. vv. 5, 7
- It was his turn to go in the temple to serve. v. 9
- An angel of the Lord appears to him to comfort him with the news that Elizabeth will bear a son; he shall be called John. v. 13
- He will be filled with the Holy Spirit. v. 15
- John is the forerunner of the Savior, to prepare the way of the Lord (Matt 3:1-3).

The Angel Gabriel was sent to announce the coming of the Man-Savior to Mary

- Gabriel announces to Mary that she shall bear a son, and His name shall be called, **JESUS, Jehovah our Savior.** v. 31
- Christ is this incarnated One; the very God becomes the very Man to be our Savior.
- The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the Most High will overshadow you; the holy thing which is born will be called the Son of God. v. 35
- The humble cooperation from Mary, “May it happen to me according to your word.” v. 38
- “Blessed is she who has believed... My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit has exulted in God my Savior.” vv. 45-47

A new era began

- The Savior’s forerunner was called “John,” not according to tradition or religion, but according to the vision Zachariah received. v. 60
- When we are obedient to the vision that we received, we will be like Zachariah; our mouth will be opened and our tongue will be loosed; we will be filled with the Spirit and begin to prophesy. vv. 64, 67

The Savior came

- He has visited and **accomplished redemption** for His people. v. 68
- He **raised a horn of salvation** from our enemies to accomplish mercy with our fathers and to remember His holy covenant. vv. 69, 71, 72
- To grant us that **we might serve Him** without fear. v. 74
- **The rising sun will visit us** from on high, to shine upon those sitting in darkness and in the shadow of death. vv. 78, 79

Our response

Lord, I believe. Come into me.