

## Luke 1:5-80 - Daily Study Questions (cont)

4. In Luke 1:18-25 compare Zacharias' (v18) and Elizabeth's (v24-25) response. What was the result of each response (v19-22, 24)? How can we apply this?

5. Read 1:26-38. What qualified Mary to be the mother of Jesus (v27, 28, 30, 35) and how would this occur (v31, 35)? How is she a good example for us (v29, 34, 38)?

6. Based on 1:32-33 describe the nature and work of Mary's son, Jesus.

7. Using 1:39-56 how did Elizabeth respond to Mary's arrival (v39-41, 42-45) and how did she react (v45-47)? What are the themes of Mary's song (v48, 49-50, 51-52, 53-54, 55)?

8. From 1:57-66 what was the effect of John's birth (v57-58) and what surprising thing occurred (v59-63)? What were the results of Zacharias' and Elizabeth's obedience (v64-66)?

9. In 1:67-79 what is the theme of Zacharias' song (v68)? How does he describe God and His work (v68, 69, 70-71, 72-74, 78-79) and John and his work (v76-77)? Who actually wrote this song (v67)?

10. According to 1:80 how was John prepared for his ministry (v80)? Why was this important?

11. Looking back on Luke 1:5-80 describe the role of John's parents, Mary, and John himself in preparing the way of the Messiah. Compared to them, what is our role today?

### Scripture to Remember

"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for He has visited us and accomplished redemption for His people."

**Luke 1:68 (NASV)**

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### Life Group Questions—Loving Discernment (1 John 4:1-7)

*(Using- questions based on today's message, Life Groups meet in homes to build supportive relationships with others at Celebration Fellowship that enable us to grow in Christ.)*

1. Talk about some of the gadgets or products you have bought that haven't lived up to their claims. How did you feel when you realized that?
2. Read 1 Jn 4:1-7. Where are the *many* false teachers around us and how should we respond to this? Why does their pretense of being true make them so dangerous?
3. How is thinking biblically about truth different from today's approaches of pragmatism, hedonism, and humanism? How do we insure that we think biblically?
4. Discuss the biblical view of "Christology". Why is it vital to believe both in the full humanity as well as the deity of Christ? Why do false teachers pervert this?
5. How can the false view of salvation be described as salvation by "addition or subtraction"? How does this differ from the true view of salvation by "grace"? Practically, how can we evaluate false teachers using this standard?
6. Talk about why tradition, others' ideas (family, friends, internet, etc), and personal experience are all places people look to for authority. Why is Scripture the only reliable authority?
7. If there is time discuss anything else meaningful to you from the message Sunday.



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## You Raise Me Up Introduction to Life of Jesus

### The 5 Purposes of the Purpose Driven Life

- **Worship**—You were planned for God’s pleasure
- **Fellowship**—You were formed for God’s family
- **Discipleship**—You were created to become like Christ
- **Ministry**—You were shaped for serving God
- **Evangelism**—You were made for a mission

Most are familiar with the popular inspirational song that has been covered 125 times, You Raise Me Up. It might well describe the ministry of John the Baptist in relation to Jesus, the topic of this week’s study. John’s purpose was to raise Jesus up, but he knew that, in reality, it was Jesus who was his strength. This story offers a good example for believers; our goal should be to lift Jesus up, but we can only do this when He first lifts us up. The story begins with the parents of John, Zacharias and Elizabeth. They were both of priestly lineages, and considered righteous and blameless before God—but they were barren and past child-bearing years. However, as Zacharias was performing his duties in the temple an angel told him that they would have the son

for whom they had prayed. This son would be great, abstinent and filled with the Spirit. He would be the forerunner of the Messiah to prepare Israel’s hearts for Him. Because of Zacharias’ doubt the angel made him mute until John was born and his wife stayed in seclusion for five months. At that time the angel, Gabriel, told Mary about the point of John. He would be the forerunner of the son that Mary, who was a virgin, would have. She was told that her son would be Jesus, the Messiah, Son of the Most High. Mary was dumbfounded, but believed anyway, and submitted to God’s will. She immediately went to Elizabeth to tell her, and John, filled with the Spirit, leapt in her womb. Elizabeth blessed Mary because of the Son she would have, and Mary, hearing this, burst into a song of praise



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to God. He had regarded her humble state, and had abased the proud. Finally, prophecies of John were given at his birth. His mission would be to prepare the way of the Lord by giving the people knowledge of salvation and forgiveness in Jesus. This was due to the tender mercy of God who had visited His people to accomplish their redemption. John then continued to grow and became strong as he lived in the wilderness until his public appearance. His mission to raise Jesus up would be fulfilled when Jesus raised him up.

## Daily Study Questions for Luke 1:5-80

(For answers to questions attend an ABF or go to <http://www.thehospitalchurch.com/LifeGuides.html>—lesson notes)

1. Read Luke 1:5-7. Describe Zacharias and his wife Elizabeth. What things might be considered good (v5, 6) and what might be considered bad (v7) in their lives?	
2. Looking at Luke 1:8-17 list some things about this experience that show God’s involvement (v9, 11, 13). What was Zacharias’ part in this great blessing (v8, 12-13)?	
3. Using 1:15-17 what would the ministry of his son, John, be (v16, 17) and what would qualify him for this ministry (v15, 17)? How would people react to his birth (v14)?	

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