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THE PROMISE FULFILLED

Exploring the Nativity Hymns in the gospel of Luke

SERIES OBJECTIVE

By reflecting through songs—poems of fulfilled promises that point to Jesus, people will celebrate Him as the reason of this Christmas season resulting in gratitude, worship, and a deeper walk with God.

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Magnificat
Celebrating God's Greatness

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Benedictus
Celebrating God's Promise

3

Gloria
Celebrating God's Presence

Luke 1:67-79 (ESV)

67 And his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied, saying, 68 “Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people 69 and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David, 70 as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,

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71 that we should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us; 72 to show the mercy promised to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant, 73 the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us 74 that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, might serve him without fear, 75 in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

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76 And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, **77** to give knowledge of salvation to his people in the forgiveness of their sins, **78** because of the tender mercy of our God, whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high **79** to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

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WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE CHRISTMAS
SONG? DO YOU KNOW THE STORY BE
BEHIND IT?

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Benedictus: Zechariah's Song

Celebrating God's Promise

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Objectives:

- The church will know the story behind Zechariah's song.
- The church will understand the meaning of Zechariah's song.
- The church will apply the significance of Zechariah's song as we celebrate Christmas.

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THE STORY:

THE WAITING PERIOD – LUKE 1:5-7

5 In the days of **Herod, king of Judea**, there was a priest named **Zechariah**, of the **division of Abijah**. And he had a wife from the **daughters of Aaron**, and her name was **Elizabeth**. 6 And they were **both righteous before God, walking blamelessly in all the commandments and statutes of the Lord**. 7 But they had **no child**, because **Elizabeth was barren**, and both were **advanced in years**.

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THE STORY:

THE PROMISE GIVEN – LUKE 1:8-23

8 Now **while he was serving as priest before God** when his division was on duty, 9 according to the custom of the priesthood, he was **chosen by lot to enter the temple of the Lord** and burn incense. 10 And the whole multitude of the people were praying outside at the hour of incense. 11 And there **appeared to him an angel of the Lord** standing on the right side of the altar of incense. 12 And Zechariah was troubled when he saw him, and fear fell upon him. 13 But the angel said to him, **“Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John.**

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14 And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, 15 **for he will be great before the Lord. And he must not drink wine or strong drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb.**

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16 And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God, 17 and he will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready for the Lord a people prepared.”

Malachi 4:5-6 (ESV)

5 “Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. 6 And he will turn **the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers**, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.

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18 And Zechariah said to the angel, **“How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is advanced in years.”** 19 And the angel answered him, “I am **Gabriel**. I stand in the presence of God, and **I was sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news.** 20 **And behold, you will be silent and unable to speak until the day that these things take place, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time.”** 21 And the people were waiting for Zechariah, and they were wondering at his delay in the temple. 22 And when he came out, he was unable to speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the temple. **And he kept making signs to them and remained mute.** 23 And when his time of service was ended, he went to his home.

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THE PROMISE FULFILLED – LUKE 1:57-66

57 Now the time came for **Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son.** 58 And her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. 59 And on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child. And they would have called him Zechariah after his father, 60 but his mother answered, **“No; he shall be called John.”** 61 And they said to her, “None of your relatives is called by this name.”

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62 And they made signs to his father, inquiring what he wanted him to be called. 63 **And he asked for a writing tablet and wrote, "His name is John."** And they all wondered. 64 **And immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue loosed, and he spoke, blessing God.** 65 And fear came on all their neighbors. And all these things were talked about through all the hill country of Judea, 66 and all who heard them laid them up in their hearts, saying, "What then will this child be?" For the hand of the Lord was with him.

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THE MEANING OF ZECHARIAH'S SONG

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A. The Song of the Promised Messiah – Luke 1:68-75

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68 “**Blessed** be the Lord God of Israel, for he has **visited and redeemed** his people 69 and has raised **up a horn of salvation** for us in the **house of his servant David**,

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B. The Song of the Promised Prophet – Luke 1:76-79

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Matthew 28:18-20

18 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Romans 1:16 (NIV)

16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.

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