

October 1/Day 274

- Congratulations on completing the Old Testament and welcome to the New Testament!

Luke 1

Verses 1-4

- Luke was a follower of Jesus. He was a physician by trade and he traveled with Paul.
- The Book of Luke is a Gospel. Gospel means “good news”. It is the good news of Jesus.
- How many people does the text say compiled an account of the things they witnessed? Yet God saw fit for four accounts to be included in the canon of Scripture.
- Why did Luke feel the need to write things out? How and in what order? Would this make sense if you knew Luke was a doctor?
- For whom was he writing this out and why?

Verses 5-7

- What is the time reference here? Under whose reign?
- To whom does Luke introduce us?
- What were they like?
- What are we told about Elizabeth?

Verses 8-17

- Zacharias had gone up to Jerusalem, away from his home, for his appointed time of priestly service, leaving Elizabeth home alone,
- How many people were there offering incense when Zacharias entered the temple? (Did you notice the time reference there?)
- Who appeared to him?
- How did this make Zacharias feel?
- What did the angel say?
- What was said about the child?

Verses 18-20

- What was the angel’s name and what was his position?
- What did he say would happen to Zacharias and why?

Verses 21-23

- What did the people realize about Zacharias?
- What did he do when his priestly service was completed?

Verses 24-25

- The first three words give us a time reference in this passage. After what days? How we answer this question is by looking back at what just happened. So, after everything that happened to Zacharias during his priestly service is the time reference.
- What happened to Elizabeth and what did she think about it?

Verses 26-38

- This passage begins, “Now in the sixth month”, so our question should be sixth month of what?
- By whom and to whom was the angel, Gabriel, sent?
- What are we told about Mary? In other passages in Scripture, “virgin” can be translated young girl or maiden, but in this chapter, she is literally a virgin. Personally, I don’t understand why people have such a hard time with this. Is God supernatural and all-powerful or not? Look at verse 37.
- What did the angel tell her?
- “Favor” means grace.
- What would the child be named and what would He be called?
- What was Mary’s question? Is she unbelieving like Zacharias was or is she just perplexed?
- How would she conceive?
- What did the angel tell her about Elizabeth?
- Was Mary willing to be used of God?

Verses 39-45

- What is the time reference here?
- Some have taught that Elizabeth got pregnant here because it says the baby leaped in her womb, but if we are following context, we see this was six months after Elizabeth conceived. (see verses 26 & 36)
- What did Elizabeth know when this happened?
- Of whom is Elizabeth speaking in verse 45? Herself or Mary?
- Following is Mary’s song of praise, referred to as “*The Magnificat*”.

Verses 46-56

- What do we learn about God from Mary’s song?
- How long did Mary stay with Elizabeth?

Verses 57-58

- Think about it. We are told Mary went to visit when Elizabeth was six months along and she stayed with her for three months.
- Were Elizabeth’s neighbors and relatives glad for her?

Verses 59-66

- On what day did they go to circumcise the child? (Leviticus 12:3)
 - What were they going to name the child?
 - Why were the people astonished that the child was named John?
 - John means “God is gracious”.
 - What happened to Zacharias once he wrote the name, signifying he believed what the angel had said?
 - What did Zacharias wonder about the child? (Though he had been told.)
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- Following is Zacharias’ prophecy

Verses 67-80

- What did he prophesy about the child, John, and about the Messiah, Jesus?
- Where did John live until he made his public appearance?

John 1:1-14

Verses 1-5

- What is the time reference in this passage? The beginning of what?
- What was there in the beginning? Where was it? Who was it?
- So, the Word is a person who was in the beginning with God.
- What came into being through this person?
- What is IN this person?
- What happens when His Light shines in the darkness?

Verses 6-8

- Was John the Light?
- What was his relation to the Light?

Verses 9-13

- What does the one true Light do?
- Though the world was made through Him, did the world recognize Him?
- Did His own people receive Him?
- What happens to those who receive Him?
- Those who receive Him are born of Whom?

Verse 14

- What did the Word which was from the beginning become?
 - “Dwelt” means tabernacled.
 - What did we see in Him?
 - What is He full of?
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- Who is the Word, the Light, and the glory of the Father?

See you tomorrow!