



Luke 1:1-25

September-October 2023

Verses 1-4

- 1) **Was Luke an Apostle? Did he know Jesus personally? What was his relationship with Paul?**
R2924; R2816; Matt. 10:1-4; Luke 6:13; Col. 4:14; II Tim. 4:9-11; Philem. 1:23,24

- 2) **Why are Luke's words in his introduction to his writing so important? Who is being referred to as "they"?**
Gal. 3:26,27; Col. 1:24

- 3) **Who was Theophilus (friend of God/beloved of God), and why did Luke refer to him in Luke 1:3 and Acts 1:1,2?** *R2924:1*

Verses 5-10

- 4) **In this familiar narrative concerning the birth of John the Baptist, we are reminded of the Lord's great care in preparing his chosen instruments for the various parts of his great work. Give some other examples of those who were also used in this manner.** *Gen. 12:1-3; Gal. 3:16; Ex. 3:1-22; I Sam. 1:19-26; I Sam. 1:2,4,19,20*

- 5) **What do these verses tell us concerning the character and dedication that Zacharias and Elizabeth demonstrated in their lives?**

Verses 11-17

- 6) **What are the key points that the angel of the Lord proclaimed to Zacharias when he appeared to him in the temple? What is meant by: "And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias"?**
Prov. 16:32; Isa. 40:1-3; Matt. 11:10-11; John 1:21

Verses 18-25

- 7) **What was Zacharias' reaction to these glad tidings that God sent the angel Gabriel to deliver? What did Gabriel do because of the unbelief of Zacharias as a test of his faith? (vs. 20) How did Elizabeth react to the reality that she would finally give birth to a child in her old age?**

- 8) **What lessons can we apply from the experiences of Zacharias by wavering in unbelief?**
Rom. 12:12; Eph. 4:2; I Thess. 1:3; Heb. 10:36; Psa. 37:7; Heb. 11:6; James 1:3,4