

Zechariah's prophecy -Luke 1:57-79

- John's birth foretold
- Zechariah mute
- Both parents understood/believed
- Zechariah's words burst out

Speaks of Jesus, the messiah

-Prophecies

- Psalm 132:17-18, Genesis 12:3

-Purpose

- Isaiah 53:5-6, Isaiah 44:21-22

Speaks of John, the messenger

-Sin and salvation

-Darkness and light

-Judgment and forgiveness

Messiah comes for us today

"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

-Romans 5:8

"Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."

-Romans 5:1

We carry the message today

"We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us."

-2 Corinthians 5:20