



Sermon Notes: Get Ready, He's Coming

Background:

1. John's identity shows us who Jesus is.

- If John is the forerunner, then Jesus is the Lord.

2. John's parents show us why Jesus is coming.

- a. John's parents show us the source of our salvation.
- b. John's parents show us the purpose of our salvation.
- c. John's parents show us the nature of our salvation.
- d. John's parents show us the result of our salvation.

3. John's ministry shows us what Jesus requires.

- a. Jesus requires repentance.
- b. Jesus requires faith.



Application Questions: Get Ready, He's Coming

1. What was your main takeaway from last week's message on the introduction to Luke?
2. What did you know about Zechariah and Elizabeth prior to this message?
3. Picture all of history the day *before* and the day *after* the events of Luke 1:5-25. What was the biggest thing that changed? Why did it change?
4. What are some ways Luke 1:5-25 connects the New Testament to the Old Testament and shows they're really just two parts of one grand story?
5. How do you imagine you'd feel if you were a priest and you'd just been chosen by lot to offer the daily incense in the Holy Place of the Temple? How do you imagine you'd feel if you encountered an angel once inside?
6. What do you think Zechariah was praying in the Temple? Why do you think that?
7. Why do you think Zechariah doubted the word of the Lord spoken by Gabriel?
8. What causes you to doubt the Word of God?
9. If someone told you a hardship in their life was proof God was punishing them for some unknown sin, how could you use this text to show them that might not be the case?
10. What do you think it means to be ready and prepared for the Lord (Luke 1:17)?
11. What are some sources of barrenness, shame, and/or sadness in your life? [Maybe you don't want to share these answers publicly, but still identify these things.]
12. Looking at your list under #11, how does the Gospel of Jesus speak to these things? [For example, how does the Gospel speak to the embarrassment you feel over your sin?]
13. Give some examples of the *cosmic* nature of Christ's salvation. Give some examples of the *deeply personal* nature of Christ's salvation. Why are both of these important?
14. What one thing will you do in faith in response to this message?