

## ZECHARIAH AND ELIZABETH

Luke 1:5-25

Key Verse: 1:13

*But the angel said to him: "Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to give him the name John."*

1. What do you know about Herod and his times? (Mt 2:16; 3:16)
2. Who were Zechariah and Elizabeth? What was the problem in their family? (7, 25) In what respects might they be called upright in the sight of God? (6)
3. What special opportunity came to Zechariah? (8-9) As he stood at the altar to offer prayer, what happened? What had evidently been his personal, secret lifelong prayer topic? (11-13) What can we learn from Zechariah about persistent prayer?
4. What was the angel's good news? What can we learn here about the kind of people God calls and uses? What is your life-long prayer topic?
5. How did the angel rebuke him? What special training did he receive? What do you learn here about God who trains his servants?