

## LUKE 1; August 18; The Conceptions of John and Jesus

### ANALYSIS:

1. To whom and for what purpose did Luke write his gospel? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. What supernatural events accompanied the conception of John the Baptist? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Whom did God use to tell Zacharias he would become a father, and later to tell Mary of her conception? \_\_\_\_\_
4. When Mary visited Elizabeth what unusual things happened?  
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5. What are some of the things Zacharias prophesied concerning John the Baptist? \_\_\_\_\_

### THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

The LORD, by His supernatural means, brought about the conception of both John the Baptist and Jesus our Lord. This seems entirely fitting when we consider that only God Himself could accomplish eternal salvation from sin for His people. A key verse of the chapter is verse 37 of the angel's explanation to Mary. "For with God nothing shall be impossible."

Let us take hold of the truth in verse 37 for our needs, challenges, temptations and responsibilities today. Remember the Lord's promise to the Philippians saints by Paul's pen, "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Phil 4:19).

### HELP:

1. To Theophilus, to set forth the things most surely believed concerning the word (vs 1-3).
2. An angel announced John's conception to his father in answer to his prayer when he and his wife were past childbearing years, the child would be a mighty servant of God in the spirit and power of Elijah and Zacharias was struck dumb because he believed not the words of the angel (vs 11-13, 20).
3. An angel spoke to both of them, and in Mary's case it was Gabriel (vs 11, 26-27).
4. Elizabeth's babe (John) leaped in her womb when Mary spoke to her, Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost and spake a blessing on Mary (vs 41-45), and Mary magnified the Lord with thanksgiving, which has been called the "Magnificat" (vs 46-55).
5. God has visited and redeemed his people, He has raised up salvation through David, He is fulfilling the oath and covenant with Abraham, John will go before the Highest to prepare his people, and to give light and guidance to God's people (vs 68-79).