

“Zechariah - From Cynicism to Joy (John)”
Bible Stories Sermon Series, Pt. 38 - Luke 1:5-25, 57-80
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I. Zechariah’s (and baby John’s) Story

- A. Zechariah’s and Elizabeth’s strange situation (1:5-7)
 - 1. They were faithful, godly people.
 - 2. Yet Elizabeth was childless.
- B. The Angel’s Announcement (1:8-17)
 - 1. Zechariah’s prayer for Israel was answered.
 - 2. God’s answer included the miraculous conception of John.
- C. Zechariah’s Cynicism and Gabriel’s Response (1:18-20)
 - 1. Zechariah doubted the gospel of Gabriel’s message.
 - 2. For that he would remain without speech until John’s birth.
- D. John’s Naming and Zechariah’s Faith (1:57-66)
 - 1. The relatives wanted a family name for the boy.
 - 2. Zechariah communicated that he’d already been named John.
- E. Zechariah’s Joyful Song (1:67-80)
 - 1. Zechariah sang for joy at the coming Messiah who would bring forgiveness.
 - 2. He rejoiced in the role his son John would play in preparing Israel for the Lord’s visitation.

II. Applications

- A. Our Lord’s plans for the world go on despite the cynicism of His people.
- B. On a personal level, the Spirit can also, through the gospel, turn our cynicism into joyful song.