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Title: People of Christmas, II: Zechariah & Elizabeth

Text: Luke 1

Introduction

The law points to Christ; forgiveness, not sin management, is our life.

I. A Deafening Silence (vv. 5-23)

II. A Pointed Finger (vv. 24-80)

“... to give knowledge of salvation to his people in the forgiveness of their sins, because of the tender mercy of our God...” (Luke 1:77-78)

Conclusion: What about us?

- How does Luke contrast Zechariah and Mary? Why do you think he does that?
- How is Zechariah’s silence ironic? When he finally speaks, what is his message?
- How does John ‘prepare the way’ for Jesus? How does Law prepare us for Gospel?
- How does this introduction point to forgiveness rather than sin management as our life?