

**“The Birth of John the Baptist & His Significance”
(Luke 1:57-80)**

I. The Advent of the Christ

- A. The Genealogies of Christ**
- B. The Forerunner of Christ**
- C. Gabriel’s Announcement to Mary**
- D. Mary Visits Elizabeth**

E. The Birth of John the Baptist (1:57-80)

*** What’s in a name?**

A. The Dispute Over the Name “John” (1:57-66)

1. Elizabeth and her Relatives (1:57-61)

a. Elizabeth’s _____ and _____ were _____
for the _____ the Lord had shown her (1:58)

b. On the eighth day they _____ and _____ the child.

c. “_____” came to circumcise the child, and that “_____” were going to
call him _____

d. Elizabeth takes a _____

2. Zacharias speaks up and regains his speech (1:62-64)

a. Zacharias writes: His name is _____ .

b. They all _____ at this.

*** Why was naming the child John such a bone of contention?**

3. Public impact of John’s name (1:65-66)

a. _____ came upon them.

b. Word _____ like wild fire.

B. The Praise of Zachariah (1:67-79)

1. Zachariah was filled with the _____ and _____

2. Zachariah _____ God for the _____ Messiah

3. Zachariah's _____ regarding his son John, relative to the Messiah

C. Things That Will be accomplished in John's Ministry (1:76-79)

1. He will _____ before Israel.

2. He will give _____ to His people.

3. He will give _____ to those who sit in _____ and who fear the shadow of _____.

4. He will _____ our feet into "the _____."

D. The Preparation of the Prophet (1:80)