

## Sermon Notes

### *Insights in Luke*

#1 – “Introduction and God’s Revelation to Zacharias”

Luke 1:5-25

#### I. Introduction

##### A. The series.

1. Features of the series – somewhat different than past preaching series on Biblical books.
2. Background on Luke
  - a. Brother of Titus? II Cor. 8:16-19
  - b. Physician – Col. 4:14
    1. Precision in medicine would help as a historian.
3. His audience and purpose
  - a. Written for the Greek mind.
  - b. Features the first century outsiders.
    1. W\_\_\_\_\_, L\_\_\_\_\_, O\_\_\_\_\_ & the P\_\_\_\_\_
4. Synoptic concerns.

##### B. Text – Luke 1:5-25

#### II. Exposition

##### A. Luke 1:5-7

1. Herod the Great.
  - a. Never accepted as King of the Jews.
2. Zacharias – “Yahweh has remembered.”
  - a. Division of Abijah, verse 5.
    1. Background on this class of priests.
  - b. “Walking blamelessly”
    1. Not sinless but similar to Job.
  - c. Significance of no child, verse 7.

##### B. Luke 1:11-17

1. Sees an angel.
  - a. Fear – background on the Greek term.
  - b. Typical of encounters with angelic beings.
2. No ordinary son.
3. Luke 1:16-17
  - a. Malachi 4:5-6
  - b. Harmonious homes are in Christ.

##### C. Luke 1:18-22

1. He prayed for it, but when it came he could not believe it.
  - a. Chrysostom
  - b. “I am Gabriel” – emphatic.
  - c. The people would have been wondering about the delay.  
i.e. Nadab & Abihu, 2 Sam. 6:3-4,6-7; 2 Chr. 26:16-21

#### III. Points for Reflection

##### A. Note historical markers by Luke

1. “In the days of Herod”
2. No evolution in Christianity.
3. The concern is about truth.
  - a. Jesus before Pilate – John 18
4. Rosaria Butterfield.

##### B. Contact with the Holy always creates fear in human beings.

1. Genesis 3:7-8

##### C. Zacharias heard the angels and had the answer to his prayer, but he could not tell anyone. Why don’t we tell anyone?

1. Why are we as mute as Zacharias?

##### D. When you read the Bible, believe the Bible.

1. Zacharias should not have doubted and neither should we.