
*God's Working His Plan for our Good
'Wait Well'
Know the Real Jesus
Luke 1:57-80 ESV*

God breaks traditions and looks for faithfulness

57Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. 58And her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. 59And on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child. And they would have called him Zechariah after his father, 60but his mother answered: No; he shall be called John. 61And they said to her: None of your relatives is called by this name. 1:57-61

God's discipline 'embraced' results in praise.

62And they made signs to his father, inquiring what he wanted him to be called. 63And he asked for a writing tablet and wrote: His name is John. And they all wondered. 64And immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue loosed, and he spoke, blessing God. v1:62-64

God has a way of stopping us in our tracks in order to get our attention

“And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by Him. For the Lord disciplines the one He loves, and chastises every son whom he receives... For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.” Hebrews 12:5-6, 11

Gods plan 'revealed' results in awe & pondering.

65 And fear came on all their neighbors. And all these things were talked about through all the hill country of Judea, 66 and all who heard them laid them up in their hearts, saying, “What then will this child be?” For the hand of the Lord was with him.

God's prophecies of redemption are fulfilled in Jesus

67And his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied, saying:

a. The Davidic covenant (It's A National one).

68Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for He has visited and redeemed his people 69 and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David, 70as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, 71that we should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us; 72 to show the mercy promised to our fathers and to remember His holy covenant... (see 2 Samuel 7:8-9; Isaiah 9:6-7)

b. The Abrahamic covenant (It's a Worldwide one)

72 to show the mercy promised to our fathers and to remember His holy covenant, 73 the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us 74that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, might serve him without fear, 75in holiness and righteousness before him all our days. (see Genesis 17:1-4; 22:16-18)

c. The New Covenant (It's a Personal one)

76And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, 77to give knowledge of salvation to his people in the forgiveness of their sins, 78because of the tender mercy of our God, whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high 79to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.”
(See Matthew 26:28; John 8:12; 14:25-27; Romans 5:1)

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed.”

John 3:16-20

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