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Using This Study

❶ EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

❷ EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

❸ EMBRACE His Word

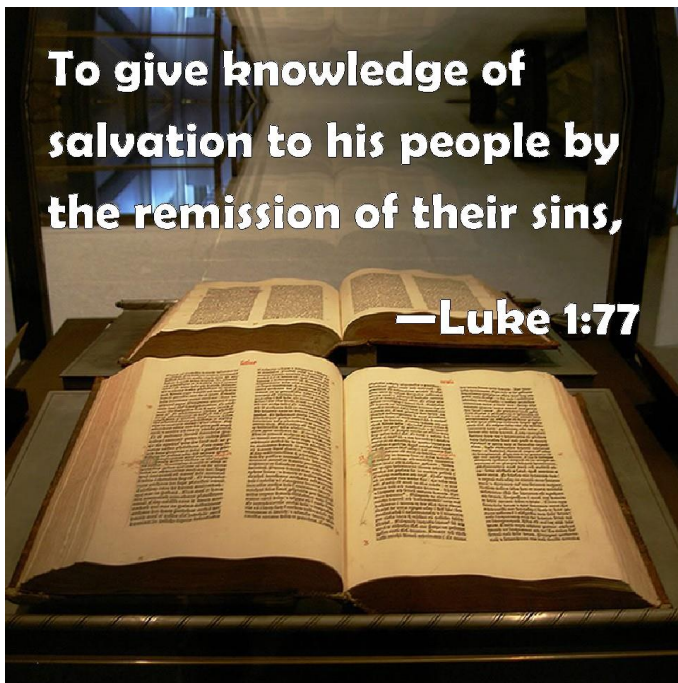
Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.



It is Christmas time, the Season to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This week we will look at a passage of scripture in which Zechariah prophesies about the coming savior and about his son John the Baptist who will be the forerunner to the Messiah. Zechariah was a priest that served God in his service at the temple. God revealed to him that his wife would have a child in their old age. That child was John the Baptist. Zechariah had been confronted by an angel of the Lord in the Temple and from that time He was not able to speak. Then when the child was born and Zechariah was able to speak, he was filled with the Holy Spirit, and spoke about the coming Messiah. This week we will look at the prophecy of Zechariah and the insight that he gives us to the coming Savior.

To give knowledge of
salvation to his people by
the remission of their sins,

—Luke 1:77



Zechariah's Praise and Prediction

⁶⁷ Then his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied,
⁶⁸ "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, because he has come to help and has redeemed his people.
⁶⁹ For he has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David,
⁷⁰ as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from long ago,
⁷¹ that we should be saved from our enemies,
and from the hand of all who hate us.
⁷² He has done this to show mercy to our ancestors,
and to remember his holy covenant—
⁷³ the oath that he swore to our ancestor

Abraham.

This oath grants

⁷⁴ that we, being rescued from the hand of our enemies,

may serve him without fear,

⁷⁵ in holiness and righteousness before him for as long as we live.

⁷⁶ And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High.

For you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,

⁷⁷ to give his people knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins.

⁷⁸ Because of our God's tender mercy the dawn will break upon us from on high

⁷⁹ to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."

🕯 **EXAMINE His Word (Observation)** (For personal preparation)

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the foregoing passage.

1. Who is involved in the text? Author, audience, main characters.
2. Where and when is this taking place? Geography and timeline.
3. What actions are carried out or commanded? Look for the verbs.

4. Is there anything repeated?

5. What is emphasized?

6. Is there anything in these passages that is related to other areas of scripture?

7. Are there things to be noted that are alike or unlike such as similes and metaphors?

2 EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation) (For Community Group discussion)
What does God MEAN?

8. Through whom does redemption and salvation come?

9. How are Zechariah's ancestors shown mercy through Jesus?

10. What oath or promise was given to Abraham?

11. How does John the Baptist bring knowledge of salvation?

12. How is light given to those in darkness?

③ EMBRACE His Word (Application) (For Community Group discussion)

Why does this MATTER to me?

13. Why is it important to us that God fulfilled His promises?

14. According to verse 74 and 75 how did Jesus change our relationship with God?

15. Where does our knowledge of salvation come from?

16. In this Christmas season how can we share this knowledge of salvation?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage

Write about what God wants you to KNOW, to FEEL, and to DO...