

The Forerunner
Luke 1:5-25; 39-80

Introduction.

- A. Malachi 3:1; 4:5.
- B. Matthew 11:1-19.

I. Announcement to Zechariah (5-25).

- A. A Levite; 24 divisions of priests.
- B. At the altar of incense (prayer).
 - 1. Had been praying for a child.
 - 2. Angel filled him with fear.
- C. Stricken speechless as a sign.
 - 1. Present confirmatory sign.
 - 2. Often used to confirm a longer-term event.

II. The visit of Mary (39-56).

- A. In Elizabeth's sixth month.
- B. Elizabeth filled with the Holy Spirit.
 - 1. Baby leaped in her womb.
 - 2. Blessed Mary for her faith.
- C. Mary's song.

III. The birth of John the Baptist (57-79).

- A. A son.
- B. Named John.
- C. People glorified God.
- D. Zechariah's song.

IV. John's growth (80).