

## **Two Births and Hopeful Prophecies**

**Lesson aim: To show that John the Baptist was indeed the predicted forerunner of the Christ; and that Jesus was prophesied to be the Christ even before his birth.**

### **John's birth announced to Zacharias--Lk. 1:5-25**

1. *What did the angel predict concerning John's work?*
2. *What OT prophecies did John fulfill?*

### **The birth of Jesus foretold to Mary--Lk. 1:26-56**

1. *What revelation did the angel Gabriel give about Jesus before His birth?*
2. *What sign would confirm his revelation about Jesus?*

### **The visit of Mary with Elizabeth--Lk. 1:39-45**

1. *How did Elizabeth, in the Spirit, describe Mary's child?*

### **Mary's Song of Joy--Lk. 1:46-56**

1. *What did Mary indicate that God would be doing through the child He had given her?*

## **John's birth--Lk. 1:57-66**

1. *Show how the miraculous events of John's birth confirm the message that he would be a prophet of God.*

## **Zacharias' prophetic song--Lk. 1:67-79**

1. *What role did Zacharias prophesy that John would have in the plan of God?*
  
2. *What would the one for which John prepared the way bring to mankind?*

## **John's growth and early life--Lk. 1:80**

### ***Research challenge:***



*Read the prophecies of Isaiah 40:3-6 and Malachi 3:1-3; 4:4-6. What insight do these texts give us into God's promise of a Messianic forerunner and his work?*