

## The Coming Of Christ

### The Man Before The Man Luke 1.5-17

God is always working to accomplish His plan.

Lk1.1 Many have undertaken to draw up an account of the things that have been fulfilled among us, 2 just as they were handed down to us by those who from the first were eyewitnesses and servants of the word. 3 With this in mind, since I myself have carefully investigated everything from the beginning, I too decided to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, 4 so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught. NIV

God has a plan. Luke knew that. Luke shared that plan accurately.

Malachi 4.5 “See, I will send the prophet Elijah to you before that great and dreadful day of the Lord comes.

1.5 In the days of Herod, king of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, of the division of Abijah; and he had a wife from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. 6 They were both righteous in the sight of God, walking blamelessly in all the commandments and requirements of the Lord. 7 And yet they had no child, because Elizabeth was infertile, and they were both advanced in years.

13 But the angel said to him, “Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall name him John.

14 You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice over his birth. 15 For he will be great in the sight of the Lord; and he will drink no wine or liquor, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit while still in his mother’s womb. 16 And he will turn many of the sons of Israel back to the Lord their God.

17 And *it is he who will go as a forerunner* before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of fathers back to *their* children, and the disobedient to the attitude of the righteous, to make ready a people

prepared for the Lord."

John got people ready for Jesus

After 400 years, John began the plan.

Before God does something He often gets things ready to do that something.

Whatever God is doing in your life will somehow involve Jesus.

Christmas has a lot of noise that really isn't answering the silence.

Christmas is God being here, in Jesus. He is not far away. He is not silent. He is here, to save you. That is His plan. And He is always working to accomplish that plan in your life.