Great in the Sight of the Lord

Luke 1:5-25 (series #3)

Introduction: the uniqueness of John the Baptizer - Matthew 11:11; John 10:41

I. The Setting of the Story vv. 5-7

A. In the days of Herod the Great

- B. Involving Zacharias and Elizabeth
 - 1. They were godly believers (Jn 8:37, 44)
 - 2. They had no children and were very old
- II. Zacharias' Unique Privilege vv. 8-10
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- IV.The Task of John the Baptizer vv. 15-17 A. He will be filled with the Spirit v. 15
 - B. He will turn many to the Lord v. 16 - John 8:39; Matthew 8:11-12
 - C. He will be like Elijah (Mal. 4:5-6) v. 17
- V. The Response of Zacharias vv. 18-22
 - A. He did not believe vv. 18-20
 - B. He came out of the temple mute vv. 21-22

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Conclusion: The commendation of Jesus - Luke 7:24-27