



The Birth of John the Baptist

Luke 1:5-25, 57-80 | Thomas Slager

1. Sunday we began a 3-wk series on Advent (arrival) - specifically, the first arrival of Jesus to earth. How do we keep the celebration of the birth of Christ fresh each year? What traditions do you share or what do you read/watch to keep your heart tender this time of year (vs. distracted)?
2. Thomas will focus on John the Baptist for the next several weeks. Re-read the story of his father in Luke 1:5-26 and what comes to mind as you take in the magnitude of such an announcement to a man faithful to the Lord but clearly surprised at God's work?
3. What surprises has God brought to you this year? How did you respond?
4. John's conception is amazing, and interestingly Luke records that the Holy Spirit filled John in the womb. What is unique about this? What does it tell you about God and his purposes?
5. John is called to prepare the way for Christ. So are we. What are some simple but meaningful ways we can prepare our hearts for Christ this season? How about sharing him with others?

Please Note: Sermon notes will resume on January 5, 2026.