

December 7, 2025 Worship Service Pastor Bruce Adrian WeAreLifeBridge.com

# The Songs of Christmas: A Reason to Sing

Lesson One • Luke 1:57-80 **Zechariah's Song** 

#### The First Songs of Christmas

Mary's Song in Luke 1:46-55, called the *Magnificat*Zechariah's Song in Luke 1:67-79, called the *Benedictus*The Angels' Song in Luke 2:8-14, called the *Gloria*Simeon's Song in Luke 2:25-32, called the *Nunc Dimittis* 

#### Who Is Zechariah?

- Zechariah is a married priest who <u>DOUBTED</u> the angel of the Lord in unbelief (Luke 1:5-20).
- Zechariah is a mute husband who <u>NAMED</u> his baby John in obedience to the Lord (Luke 1:57-63).
- > Zechariah is a spirit-filled father who <u>BROKE</u> his silence in praise to the Lord (Luke 1:64-67).

#### A Reason to Sing

At long last God has remembered to VISIT His people.

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#### Zechariah's Song

## 1. We Sing Because God REDEEMS His People!

"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for He has visited and redeemed His people and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of His servant David." Luke 1:68-69

# 2. We Sing Because God KEEPS His Promises!

"As He spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets from of old, that we should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us; to show the mercy promised to our fathers and to remember His holy covenant, the oath that He swore to our father Abraham." Luke 1:70-73

### 3. We Sing Because God TRANSFORMS His People!

"To grant us that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, might serve Him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before Him all our days." Luke 1:74-75

### 4. We Sing Because God PREPARES His Paths!

"And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare His ways, to give knowledge of salvation to His people in the forgiveness of their sins." Luke 1:76-77

# 5. We Sing Because God BRINGS His Peace!

"Because of the tender mercy of our God, whereby the Sunrise shall visit us from on high to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace." Luke 1:78-79

### A Joyous Song for Sad People

Zechariah's song is a joyful <u>INVITATION</u> to people living in darkness to embrace the Light of Jesus and be released from the shadow of death.