Luke: The Power of the Spirit

# Introduction/flow/Impact questions:

Did you know that God is a God of full circles?

Did you know that God is a God of fulfilment?

Do you have any promises in your heart that you are waiting for fulfilment?

Do you have any prayers you have been praying that have not been answered yet?

My daughter purchased a beautiful used piece of furniture from a local store (everything goes) not to long ago. It sat in her room for a while until she decided to resale it. After some time she receives a message from a man who was extremely motivated to buy the piece, “please don’t sell it” he said. So he shows up on the day they agreed on, he begins to look it over, opening all the drawers and compartments, all the while he is growing in this visible excitement. He agrees to buy the custom game table and proceeds to tell Maggie the story. He says, “this piece belonged to my mother in sun city, she died 10 years ago and in all the confusion many items were sold that shouldn’t have been, I have been searching for it ever since. This piece was custom built for her and originally was a set of two, of which I have the other piece. This piece of furniture and this man came full circle. What are the chances?

Jesus fulfilled at least 300 OT prophesies – the probability of this is incredible

* You have 1 in 700,000 chance of being struck by lightning and 1 in 2,000,000 of dying from it
* 1 in 10,000,000 of becoming president
* 1 in 180 trillion of a meteorite landing on your house
* Jesus had a 1 in 10 octillian chances of fulfilling only 8 of them that’s 1 in 10 with 27 zeroes

# Recap –

## We started a series titled “Luke: the power of the Spirit – What we see is that not only did Luke have gifts and talents that allowed him to record, write and retain the story of Jesus,

## Luke was bursting with a passion and he had to announce to the world that this whole thing has came full circle.

There was this incredible expectation built up awaiting the messiah 1st coming.over 300 prophesies

But His coming was shrouded in mystery that not everyone understood or believed

Luke and the disciples were apprehended by this reality of the Kingdom of God

## The Kingdom of God is here , its near , its now and its not yet..

## God has fulfilled His word. The messianic age has been fulfilled

Luke 1:1 Many have undertaken to draw up an account of the things that have been fulfilled[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+1%3A1&version=NIV#fen-NIV-24895a)] among us,

# Luke takes His time and slowly reveals the name of Jesus!

## These first 45 verses in Luke are anticipatory verses! Let’s look at a few! (slowly reveals)

8Now it happened *that* while *he was performing his priestly service before God* in the *appointed* order of his division, **9**according to the custom of the priestly office, he was chosen by lot to enter the temple of the Lord and burn incense. **10**And the whole multitude of the people were in prayer outside at the hour of the incense offering.**11**And an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing to the right of the altar of incense. **12**Zacharias was troubled when he saw *the angel*, and fear [[k](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke%201&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-24906k)]gripped him. **13**But the angel said to him, “Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for *your petition has been heard*, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will [[l](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke%201&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-24907l)]give him the name John. **14**You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at 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 [[m](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke%201&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-24909m)]while yet in his mother’s womb. **16**And he will turn many of the sons of Israel back to the Lord their God. **17**It is he who will go *as a forerunner* before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers back to the children, and the disobedient to the attitude of the righteous, so as to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.”

## Some insights and take aways:

### When did this happen? “When he was performing his priestly duty” (Although barren, they remained faithful)

* Are there areas in your life where you wish God would show up, anything you want to see changed ?
* Do you have promises that you want to see fulfilment, if not I encourage you to get some? Ask Him, make your request.
* Zacharias was asking God for a son, what are you asking God for?

### Remember God is silently weaving your redemption, he is going to make a full circle in your life

## We also see Zacharias doubting this incredible experience and news of his revelation of fatherhood.

**18**Zacharias said to the angel, “How will I know this *for certain*? For I am an old man and my wife is advanced in [[n](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke%201&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-24912n)]years.” **19**The angel answered and said to him, “I am Gabriel, who [[o](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke%201&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-24913o)]stands in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. **20**And behold, you shall be silent and unable to speak until the day when these things take place, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their proper time.”

**21**The people were waiting for Zacharias, and were wondering at his delay in the temple. **22**But when he came out, he was unable to speak to them; and they realized that he had seen a vision in the temple; and he kept [[p](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke%201&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-24916p)]making signs to them, and remained mute. **23**When the days of his priestly service were ended, he went back home.

How will I know this for certain, He says?

### Zacharias distance from the object of His faith caused a there to be an identity of doubt and unbelief that he needed to be delivered from.

### The presence of the Kingdom of God demands our allegiance

Do you believe that Jesus can fulfill His promises over you?

What is the narrative that you are rehearsing, is it of faith or fear?

Whatever we rehearse in secret will manifest in our lives!

## What was the narrative of Elizabeth, Zacharias wife?

**24**After these days Elizabeth his wife became pregnant, and she [[q](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke%201&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-24918q)]kept herself in seclusion for five months, saying,**25**“This is the way the Lord has dealt with me in the days when He looked *with favor* upon *me*, to take away my disgrace among men.”

### Elizabeth 60-70 years was barren and wore disgrace (despite the emotional burden)

### She changed her narrative over the course of 5 months

Whats your narrative- what story are you rehearsing in secret?

God is a God of full circles- Jesus came to fulfil promises

He will fulfil His promise with you.

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# Ministry

## Freedom from disapointment

## Impartation of faith

## Fulfilment of promise