





9. Fill in the chart below to see how Jesus fulfills Zechariah's prophecy.

Zechariah's Prophecy	Jesus' Fulfillment
v. 68: "he has come to his people and redeemed them"	Gal. 3:13  1 Pet. 1:18-19  Gal. 4:4-5
v. 69: "He has raised up a horn of salvation"	Acts 4:12  1 Thess. 5:9
v. 69: "in the house of his servant David"	Mt. 1:1  Rom. 1:3  Rev. 22:16
v. 71: "salvation from our enemies"  v. 74a: "to rescue us from the hand of our enemies"	Titus 3:3-7  1 Jn. 3:8
vv. 74b-75: "enable us to serve him without fear in holiness and righteousness"	Rom. 8:1-2  Heb. 2:14-15  1 Jn. 4:16-18

10. How is Zechariah's child, John, going to prepare the way for Jesus? (vv. 76-77)

11. Jot down the variety of ways Zechariah refers to Jesus in verses 76-79.

12. What motivated God to send his son to rescue those “living in darkness and the shadow of death?” (v. 78)

13. Re-read Zechariah’s song and give thanks for what God has done and will do for his people (vv. 68-79).

### *The Horn of Salvation*

Zechariah calls Jesus, the promised Messiah, the “horn of salvation” (v. 69). This reference “is drawn from the [Old Testament], where it pictures an ox with horns that is able to defeat enemies with the powerful thrust of its protected head... The image was transferred to the warrior who had a horned helmet to symbolize the presence of power... The figure is also used to describe God himself... In particular the term was also used for a powerful regal figure. In some of these references the horn is specifically tied to the [house of David], which is portrayed as delivering the nation... The nature of the powerful messianic deliverance is spelled out the in the following verses, especially Luke 1:71, 74. Zechariah portrays a Messiah of great power and strength who will deliver God’s people from their enemies.”<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Darrell L. Bock. *Luke: Baker Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament*. Vol. 1: 1:1—9:50 (Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 1994), 180. Ox: Deut. 33:17; Warrior: Ps. 75:4-5, 10; God: Psalm 18:2; House of David: 1 Sam. 2:10