

The Life of King Jesus

Week 1

Luke 1:1-4 - To the Lovers of God

- The name Theophilus means lover or friend of God.
- Why did Luke say he wrote his Gospel, and how did he write it?

John 1:1-14 – The Living Expression

- John gives us a view of God, which signifies the very presence of God came in the _____.
- Verse 1 - Some have translated this Greek term *logos* (3056) as 'Word'; 'Message' or 'Blueprint'.
 - Hebrews 1:3 says Jesus is the exact representation of God – Greek word is our English word _____
He is the express image, character, imprint, an exact copy of Father God – The Word made _____
- When did the Living Expression come into existence?
- John modeled the opening verses of his gospel after the opening verses in Genesis 1:1-5. Compare this week.
- What do we learn about John the Baptizer?
- What happened when the Light of Truth came into the world? _____
- Why is it important that Jesus, the Living Expression, was born of God and not natural means? Why does it matter that He is fully God (1:1) and fully human?
- Verse 14 – this is the fulfillment of Isa 7:14 –
- Tender mercy = loving kindness, goodness, grace, favor, sweetness, pleasure or delight. Watch for these words like a thread.

POINT TO REMEMBER: Jesus is the eternal Living Expression of God. God came in the flesh as the Living Expression of God to bring the invitation of _____! The invitation to become _____ of God. It is His Dream for you to belong to His Kingdom Family.

Luke 1:5-25 – Angelic Prophecy of the Prophet John's Birth

- Who were Zechariah and Elizabeth?
 - Zechariah – God has _____.
 - Elizabeth – Oath or _____ of God.
- *For I have come to tell you that your **prayer you don't even** _____ **anymore** – has been answered.*

POINT TO REMEMBER: God was faithful to Zechariah's prayers even when he _____ praying them. What prayers have you prayed for in the past, but like Zechariah have given up praying? What does it mean to you that God remembered his prayers long after he stopped praying them?

Luke 1:26-38 – **Angelic Prophecy of Jesus' Birth**

- How did Mary respond to the angel's news? What did he say in response?
- The Greek word used as a metaphor 'spread his shadow over you' is also the word used at Jesus' transfiguration when the cloud of glory 'overshadowed' Jesus on the mountain – Mark 9:7

POINT TO REMEMBER: See this as a Divine Invitation to get before His _____ and Allow Him to overshadow you with the cloud of His glory.

Luke 1:39-45 – **Elizabeth's Prophecy to Mary**

- What does the Bible call Elizabeth's yet to be born son?

Luke 1:46-56 – **Mary's Prophetic Song**

- Jesus' mother, Mary, is the first recorded person to call Him _____.

Matthew 1:18-25 – **An Angel Comes to Joseph**

- These words must have brought to Joseph's mind the _____ of God to provide salvation through the New _____!

Digging Deeper: *God conceals the revelation of His Word in the hiding place of His glory. But the honor of kings (that's you) is revealed to all by how they thoroughly mine out the deeper meaning of all that God says. Isaiah 25:2 TPT*

- From this week's Scriptures, what did you notice perhaps for the first time? What questions do you have? What did you learn about the heart of Father God?
- John modeled the opening verses of his gospel after the opening verses in Genesis 1:1-5. As you compare them, what similarities do you notice? How might this be important to John's own message?
- Who in your life needs to 'take hold' of the name of Jesus? How can you help them?
- In this reading, several people experience the heart of God through promises. What promises have you received from God and seen fulfilled?
- God was faithful to Zechariah's prayers even when he stopped praying them. What prayers have you prayed for in the past, but like Zechariah have given up praying? What does it mean to you that God remembered his prayers long after he stopped praying them?
- Have you received shocking, perplexing news like Mary? How did you experience the heart of God in the midst of that news?
- Mary had her own plans for her life. While God's plans for her fulfilled those dreams, it was more than she could have asked or imagined! What does Father God want to say to you about your life and dreams?