

Study QUESTIONS

Ep. 1416: How Did God's Spirit Inspire Those Surrounding Jesus' Birth?

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 **CQ Rewind**
See: **SHOW NOTES**

Zacharias: Luke 1:11-25, 57-63, 78-8

1. How did Zacharias' initial doubt (verses 18-20) and subsequent consequence help him deal with an overwhelming message from Gabriel?
2. What lessons on faith and quiet reflection can we draw from when God's word seems impossible?
3. How do the Old Testament prophecies tie to the future New Testament happenings? What was the nature of John's ministry? (Psalms 18:1-2, 105:8-10, 106:9-10, Malachi 3:1)
4. How did Zacharias describe Jesus? (Luke 2:51-52, Malachi 4:2)

The two mothers: Luke 1:26-56

5. What was Mary's reaction to the angel Gabriel's announcement? Compare her reaction to that of Zacharias and Hannah. (1 Samuel 2:1-2)
6. How did Elizabeth react to Mary's news?
7. Describe Mary's beautiful song of praise to God. (Luke 1:46-55, Psalms 98:1-2, 103:17-18, 107:9)
8. How do you respond when others receive a blessing or opportunity you hoped for? What practical steps can you take to celebrate others while trusting God's timing for your own life?

Simeon and Anna: Luke 2:25-38

9. What did Simeon see before anyone else in the world? (Isaiah 52:10, 9:2-3, 6-7)
10. What did Anna see and prophesy to encourage Israel?

Practical application

11. In what areas of your life do you find it hardest to trust God's promises?
12. What do you think you need to do to cultivate Mary's submission to God's will? "Behold, the bondservant of the Lord."
13. Share the details of God's plan for the future salvation of man that were revealed at the time of Jesus' birth.