

# John the Baptist

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...Get up, be baptized and wash your sins away, calling on his name.

**Acts 22:16** (NIV)

# The Baptizer

Luke 1:5-25, 57-66

“Lord, we want a son!” prayed Zechariah and Elizabeth. They longed to have their own baby, but years passed and they had no children. . . still God had a plan for them!

One day, Zechariah was working in God’s temple when God’s angel, Gabriel, appeared to him. The angel said he and Elizabeth would have a son. But after all those years of waiting, Zechariah didn’t believe it.

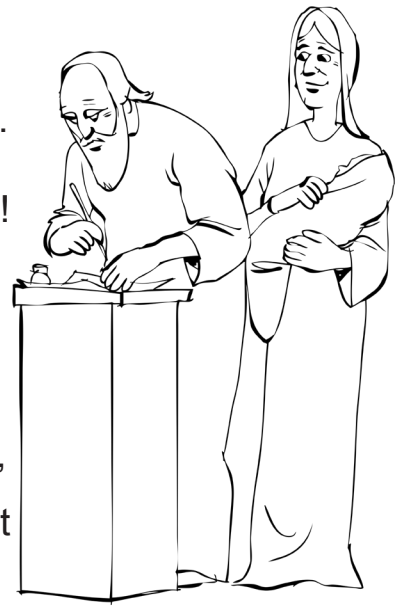
“Since you didn’t believe me,” responded the angel. “You won’t be able to speak until what I said comes true.”

The angel was right, Zechariah couldn’t speak for about nine months. When Elizabeth gave birth to a baby boy, Zechariah wrote down that the baby’s name would be “John”. At that moment he could speak again and Zechariah praised God.

John grew up and preached about repentance and following God. He baptized many people in the Jordan River. He was preparing people to be ready to hear the message of the promised Messiah--Jesus Christ.

Many people went out to the countryside to hear John and be baptized, but not everyone liked John. The governor, Herod, got mad at John and arrested him. He was in prison until the governor had him killed.

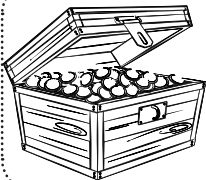
John was God’s messenger to prepare hearts for Jesus. He did his job well even when it was hard.



## What did we discover?

- 1) What did Zacharias and Elizabeth want very much? \_\_\_\_\_  
 A SON                                      A VACATION                                      MONEY
- 2) John preached and baptized people so they would be ready for \_\_\_\_\_.  
 MOSES                                      JESUS CHRIST                                      HEROD
- 3) The governor, \_\_\_\_\_, got mad at John, put him in jail and killed him.  
 HEROD                                      CAESAR                                      AGRIPPA
- 4) John announced the coming of the Messiah. His name is \_\_\_\_\_.  
 JEREMIAH                                      JESUS                                      JOSEPH

## Who can tell I about Jesus?



**Baptism is a way  
to show the change  
in my heart.**

When I believe in Jesus,  
I should get baptized.



**Father God,  
Help me believe  
Jesus and tell  
others about Him.**

