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THE NEW
TESTAMENT



**WHO IS THE MESSENGER THAT
PREPARED THE WAY FOR JESUS?**

John the Baptist, the son of Zechariah and Elizabeth.

**WHAT HAPPENED TO ZECHARIAH WHEN
HE DIDN'T BELIEVE THE ANGEL?**

Zechariah fell silent and could not
speak for three months.

**HOW DID JOHN REACT IN ELIZABETH'S
WOMB WHEN MARY WALKED IN?**

The baby leapt for joy in Elizabeth's womb.

**TRACKERS BELIEVE:
ZECHARIAH AND ELIZABETH
FULFILL PROPHECY**

Many Old Testament prophecies set the stage for the coming Savior. There was to be a coming messenger who would pave the way for Jesus (see Isaiah 40:3; Malachi 3:1). This messenger was John the Baptist, and his birth signaled that God's kingdom was about to arrive in a miraculous way. Many emotions are experienced in the story of Zechariah and Elizabeth: doubt and faith; sorrow and joy; and silence and praise. It all led up to the long-awaited birth of Jesus.



MEMORY VERSE

Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

Colossians 3:2-3 (ESV)