

Elisabeth and Zacharias

TEXT: Luke 1:5-25,57-66

SUPPLEMENTAL SCRIPTURES: Jeremiah 32:17,27; Matthew 19:26; Mark 10:27

KEY VERSE: The things which are impossible with men are possible with God. — Luke 18:27

It was the evident intention of the writers of the Gospels to show that Christianity had a supernatural origin. Heavenly evidence was given to prove that the Event of the Ages was at hand. Jesus was born of a virgin. His forerunner, John, was born of a woman who had been barren and was past the age of childbearing. Both of these events are an impossibility with man, but as the Word declares, "with God nothing shall be impossible" (Luke 1:37).

1. In reference to our text, what do we know about the spiritual condition of Zacharias and Elisabeth?

2. What was Zacharias' reaction to the message from the angel? Because of this, what happened to Zacharias?

3. What was the miracle that accompanied the birth of John? What brought this miracle about?

4. What was the first thing Zacharias did when his tongue was loosed? How can we follow his example in this?

5. List some other Biblical instances where God did the impossible.

6. In verse 58, what was the reaction of those around Elisabeth when John was born? Draw a parallel between this verse and the reaction among church friends, families, etc. when God works a miracle among us. Name specific examples if possible.

7. What are some things that might seem “impossible” to man?

8. God works out even the little details in our lives. Describe a situation in your life where God intervened for you.

9. How can recognizing the smaller things that God has done for us help us when the bigger problems come along?