



Message Outline
Christmas Conversations
Luke 1:1-25, 57-80

Intro: This year's Advent series, conversations around Christmas texts...

- Today, John the Baptist birth announcement.

Read: Luke 1

1) *Can you think of a time when either you or a person you know has done the right thing but gotten the wrong results? (v.5-7)* _____

2) *Speed Round: When is a time in life you were most surprised/startled? What was the setting? (v.8-12)* _____

3) *Open Book Test: Read again v.13-17. What sticks out to you in the angel's message for Zechariah? How is his life going to change? Who is his son to become?* _____

4) *What's your reaction on Zechariah's discipline? Does the punishment fit the crime? What's God trying to form thru this form of discipline?* _____

**BONUS rhetorical question: what's the value in silence in God's plans, and how can we cultivate silence into this season in seeking Jesus?* _____

5) *Do you have a story behind your name? (v.57-64)* _____

**BONUS rhetorical question: what word do you say after 9 months of not saying anything? (v.64-80)* _____

2nd Sunday of Advent



Leader: There is another who testifies in my favor, and I know that his testimony about me is **true**. You have sent to John and he has testified to the **truth**. (5:32-33)

Congregation: *Jesus said to them, "Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the **true** bread from heaven.* (6:32)

Leader: Whoever speaks on their own does so to gain personal glory, but he who seeks the glory of the one who sent him is a man of **truth**; there is nothing false about him. (7:18)

Congregation: *Then Jesus, still teaching in the temple courts, cried out, "Yes, you know me, and you know where I am from. I am not here on my own authority, but he who sent me is **true**.* (7:28)

Leader: But if I do judge, my decisions are **true**, because I am not alone. I stand with the Father, who sent me. (8:16)

Congregation: *In your own Law it is written that the testimony of two witnesses is **true**.* (8:17)

Leader: Then you will know the **truth**, and the **truth** will set you free. (8:32)