



JOHN THE BAPTIST  
ARRIVES  
LUKE 1:56-66  
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## I. Introduction

John's birth announcement was supernatural by all accounts and he was going to be different, very different, than most other babies. He was going to be a great man of God, driven by the Holy Spirit.

## II. God Is Faithful to His Promises (vv. 56-58)

- a. All that God commits to, will be fulfilled
- b. The "great mercy" of God—again and again

## III. God's Expression of Grace (vv. 59-63)

- a. God is eager to give grace
- b. In Greek, "John" means *God is gracious*

## IV. God's Divine Power on Display

- a. Miracles ARE God's divine intervention
- b. God sent John to herald Messiah

## V. Conclusion

There is no question John spoke often regarding sin and repentance, both essential parts of the Good News of Jesus Christ. We must preach and teach on that regularly in all aspects of our teaching.



CEFC Sermon-Based Growth Group

Week: December 8, 2019

Title: John the Baptist Arrives

Text: Luke 1:56-66

### **Kick Starters...**

1. Share your understanding of God coming into the world through the Incarnation.
2. Why are John the Baptist and his family such important figures regarding the arrival of the Messiah?

### **Entertain the text**

3. Read the text out loud and discuss/list/highlight any significant words or observations. Make notes in your Bible to help you recall anything important to revisit or pray over. Use cross-Scripture texts as is helpful.

### **Engage the text**

4. What do you think it was like for Mary to have visited Martha? Why was it important for both women?

5. As biblical prophecies regarding Messiah's birth unfolded, how does that add to our confidence in God?
6. Naming of a child can be a big deal. Why is the naming of John important for us to appreciate?
7. In verse 60, why did Zechariah agree to the name of "John" for their baby?
8. God is all powerful in all things. Look at Psalm 62:11; Num. 11:23; Matt. 19:26; and Heb. 1:3 and discuss how God's omnipotence relates to his Incarnation.
9. How did God use John the Baptist regarding the coming of the Messiah?

### **Execute the text**

10. John the Baptist was the preacher of all human preachers in the sense that he was the messenger announcing the arrival of the Message himself—Jesus. John's life reflected a man completely committed to the message he was given and it gave him incredible power among the people.