

THE STORY OF ELIZABETH



VOICES OF ADVENT



LUKE 1:5-7 ^{NIV}

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LUKE 1:11-15a ^{NIV}

Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. ¹² When Zechariah saw him, he was startled and was gripped with fear. ¹³ But the angel said to him: “Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to call him John. ¹⁴ He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice because of his birth, ¹⁵ for he will be great in the sight of the Lord.”



LUKE 1:23-25 ^{NIV}

When his time of service was completed, he returned home. ²⁴ After this his wife Elizabeth became pregnant and for five months remained in seclusion. ²⁵ “The **Lord has done this for me**,” she said. “In these days **he has shown his favor and taken away my disgrace** among the people.”



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JOHN 1:29 ^{NIV}

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, **the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin** of the world!”



LUKE 1:39-45 ^{NIV}

At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, ⁴⁰ where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹ When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. ⁴² In a loud voice she exclaimed: "**Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear!** ⁴³ **But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?** ⁴⁴ As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵ Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!"

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LUKE 1:57-58 ^{NIV}

When it was time for Elizabeth to have her baby, she gave birth to a son. ⁵⁸ Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown her great mercy, and **they shared her joy.**

Peace produces joy.



“Joy is peace dancing,
and peace is joy at rest.”

- FB MEYER





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