



**Prepare the Way:
A Song of Hope for the Season! [2]**

Date: December 19th, 2021

Text: Luke 1:57-80

Passage Summary: At a time of year when we enjoy Christmas songs, we discover that God enjoyed them long before we did, for in preparing the way for the birth of Christ, He _____ a song of _____ for the season through Zechariah!

180 Degree Truth #1: See that Zechariah's hope filled song for the season has everything to do with the _____ of Jesus as the long awaited, promised, prophesied _____! (1:57-80)

Application: Recognize that when it comes to the arrival of Jesus as the Messiah, it involves...

- _____! (v.76-80)

"A voice of one calling: 'In the desert prepare the way for the Lord; make straight in the wilderness a highway for our God. Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. And the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all mankind together will see it. For the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

Isaiah 40:3-5

See that the salvation God provided through the arrival of Jesus involves...

_____! (v.76-77)

"In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the Desert of Judea and saying, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near.'"

Matthew 3:1-2

_____! (v.78a)

"I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with loving-kindness. I will build you up again and you will be rebuilt, O Virgin Israel."

Jeremiah 31:3-4

_____! (v.78b-79a)

"But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings. And you will go out and leap like calves released from the stall."

Malachi 4:2

"For God, who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ."

2 Corinthians 4:6

_____! (v.79b)

"And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

Isaiah 9:6

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

John 16:33

Remember: When it comes to Zechariah's hope filled song for the season, the age-old saying is true; the _____ the hour, _____ the light of the salvation that Christ came to bring shines!

Allow Zechariah's song of hope for the season to inspire you this Christmas!

Persevere in _____ the way for the return of Jesus!

Core Conviction to Live By: Resolutely determine this Christmas that the greatest gift you could give or receive will be a renewed and deepened passion to prepare the way for the return of Christ; it may not take the form of a _____ under your tree, but the _____ of the God we worship and serve will be with us in a way that truly inspires the hope that lie at the heart of our salvation this season and always!