

January 2 Questions

- _____ was the first in a long line of Herods who ruled over Israel; he is known as Herod the _____, the infamous king who slaughtered all the male children of Bethlehem in an attempt to kill Jesus.
- Zechariah was a descendant of Aaron, so he was a _____ and a _____. Zechariah and Elizabeth “were both _____ before God, walking _____ in all the commandments and statutes of the Lord” (Luke 1:6). This shows us that it was possible to be in a right _____ with God under the old covenant. It also shows us that it was possible to keep the commands of the Law without relying on them for _____.
- Zechariah and Elizabeth were old, and they had no _____ because Elizabeth was barren. This was often seen as a _____ in those times.
- Zechariah was a priest, and Luke says that he was “of the division of _____.” During the time of King David, there were more _____ than the work required, so the priests were organized into 24 groups or divisions which took turns serving at the temple.
- Gabriel told Zechariah that his prayer had been heard—Elizabeth was to bear a son, and his name would be _____, which in Hebrew means “Yahweh is _____.”
- Gabriel told Zechariah what a special son John would be: 1) he would bring _____ to his parents and many others, 2) he would be _____ before the Lord, 3) he would _____ many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God (speaking of repentance), and 4) he would go before the Lord “in the spirit and power of _____, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous, to make ready for the Lord a people prepared.”
- Gabriel was referring to the prophecy given in _____ 4:5–6. John was Elijah in the sense that he was a prophet _____ Elijah, a “_____ Elijah,” for the same Spirit and power that rested on Elijah the Tishbite, would empower John to prepare the way for the coming of the Lord.
- Part of John’s mission was to bring fathers and sons back together as they both _____ of their sins and _____ to God, their heavenly Father. In this way, John would prepare a people for the coming of the Lord.
- Gabriel told Zechariah: 1) John must not drink _____ or strong drink, and 2) John would be filled with the _____ from the womb. The reference to abstaining from wine recalls the _____ vow of Numbers 6. The reference to the filling of Spirit is meant that John was set apart for special _____ to God, and the Spirit’s _____ was on him from birth in order that he could accomplish his important mission.
- Zechariah said, “How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is advanced in years.” Zechariah was looking for _____—he wasn’t going to believe *until* he received a _____. Zechariah’s question came from _____. Ironically, Zechariah was given a sign—his own _____ became the sign that what Gabriel said would come to pass.