



Series Divine Intervention

Passage Luke 1:1-25, 57-80

Title Divine Intervention (Part 1)

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- **Discussion Starter:** How does God divinely intervene in lives today?

Divine Intervention (Luke 1:1-4)

- Summarize in your own words what is revealed about Luke, the author, and his purpose in writing this book from what is written in the first four verses.
- In contrast to pantheism, which believes God is the world around them and that God and the universe are identical, the Bible states that God is separate from His creation. Read John 1:1-3 and Romans 3:10-12. What do these passages reveal to us about creation and the Creator? Why do you think some people are drawn to pantheism and false religions?

Divine Intervention - John the Baptist (Luke 1:5-25. 57-66)

- We are introduced to John's parents who are described as being righteous before God and that they walked in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blamelessly. How was this possible before Jesus died on the cross?
- What is the significance of Elizabeth being barren and both she and Zacharias being well advanced in age? Later we find out from the angel Gabriel that their prayers for a child were heard by God. Do you think they gave up praying after they had grown old? What are some of the things or people that you have stopped praying for?
- How does John fulfill the prophecy of a prophet coming in the spirit and power of Elijah? Read Malachi 3:1, 1 Kings 17:1 and 1 Kings 18:1. What do these passages reveal about Elijah's ministry and how do they compare to the ministry of John the Baptist?
- According to Luke 1:17, what three things did the angel Gabriel say John would do during his ministry? Explain the purpose, meaning and order for each of these three objectives.

Divine Intervention – In Jesus Christ (Luke 1:67-80)

- What are the four prophetic blessings from God that are expressed by Zacharias in Luke 1:67-70? How do these four prophetic blessings apply to us today?