

Monday
12/5/11

The Lord's Work

Zechariah was a priest of God. He worked in the Temple, and when he was following the Lord's command, he had an amazing encounter!

READ: Luke 1:5-10

What were some of Zechariah's responsibilities according to Luke? What are some areas where you are doing the Lord's work? How can you do something special to serve him, and others, this Advent?

RESPONSE:

Pray Daily Prayer

Wednesday
12/7/11

Silence Until the Day Comes

Gabriel told Zechariah that he would not be able to speak until John was born.

READ: Luke 1:19-20

Why did Gabriel tell Zechariah that he would be forced to be silent? In what ways can you incorporate silence into your daily life and walk with God? How can this willful silence draw you closer to Him?

RESPONSE:

Pray Daily Prayer

Tuesday
12/6/11

Healthy Fear

Zechariah's encounter with Gabriel would have been frightening for anyone, but it is a great reminder for us to live with that holy fear of the Lord.

READ: Luke 1:11-12

What was Zechariah's response to Gabriel's arrival? How can you live in humility and reverence each day, in fear of the Lord? What is one step you can take to live this way today?

RESPONSE:

Pray Daily Prayer

Thursday
12/8/11

They Were Astonished

Upon John's birth, Zechariah followed through with what God has commanded, and his neighbors were astonished, because it broke with tradition.

READ: Luke 1:62-63

What was the significance of Zechariah's written declaration of John's name? How can you be obedient to God's call in a way that will astonish those around you?

RESPONSE:

Pray Daily Prayer

**Friday
12/9/11**

Immediately.....

As soon as Zechariah wrote out John's name, his mouth was opened, and he praised the Lord.

READ: Luke 1:64

What did Zechariah do with his first words, after 9 months of silence? What would your first words be if you were silent for 9 months? What would you say?

RESPONSE:

Pray Daily Prayer

**Saturday and Sunday
12/10/11-12/11/11**

A Song of Praise

Zechariah sang a song of prophecy and praise after John was born.

READ: Luke 1:67-79

We are called to praise our Father day-in and day-out. How can you compose your own song for each and every day to praise Him?

RESPONSE:

Pray Daily Prayer

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**Advent:
Zechariah
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Zechariah experienced quite an incredible series of events in his life, which prepared him for the birth of his son, but also drew him closer to the Lord.

MY PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK:

DAILY PRAYER:

Father, help me to pray earnestly each day, and ask for big things in my life. Lord, grant me patience to wait upon your timing, as it is truly perfect. Change my heart this Advent and prepare me for Christ's coming.