



Sermon



THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO
LUKE

1 Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the things which have been accomplished among us, ² just as they were delivered to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, ³ it seemed good to me also, having followed all things closely for some time past, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, ⁴ that you may know the truth concerning the things of which you have been informed.

5 *In the days of Herod, king of Judaea, there was a priest named Zechariah, ⁶ of the division of Abi'jah; and he had a wife of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. ⁷ And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless. ⁸ But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were advanced in years.

16 And he will turn many of the Israel to the Lord their God, and he will go before him in the power of Eli'jah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the just, to make ready for the Lord a people prepared.

17 And Zechariah said to his wife, How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is advanced in years. ¹⁸ And the angel answered him, saying, I am Gabriel, who standeth in the presence of God; and I was sent to speak unto thee, and to testify unto thee, because thou art just; and thou shalt be fruitful, and shalt bear a son.





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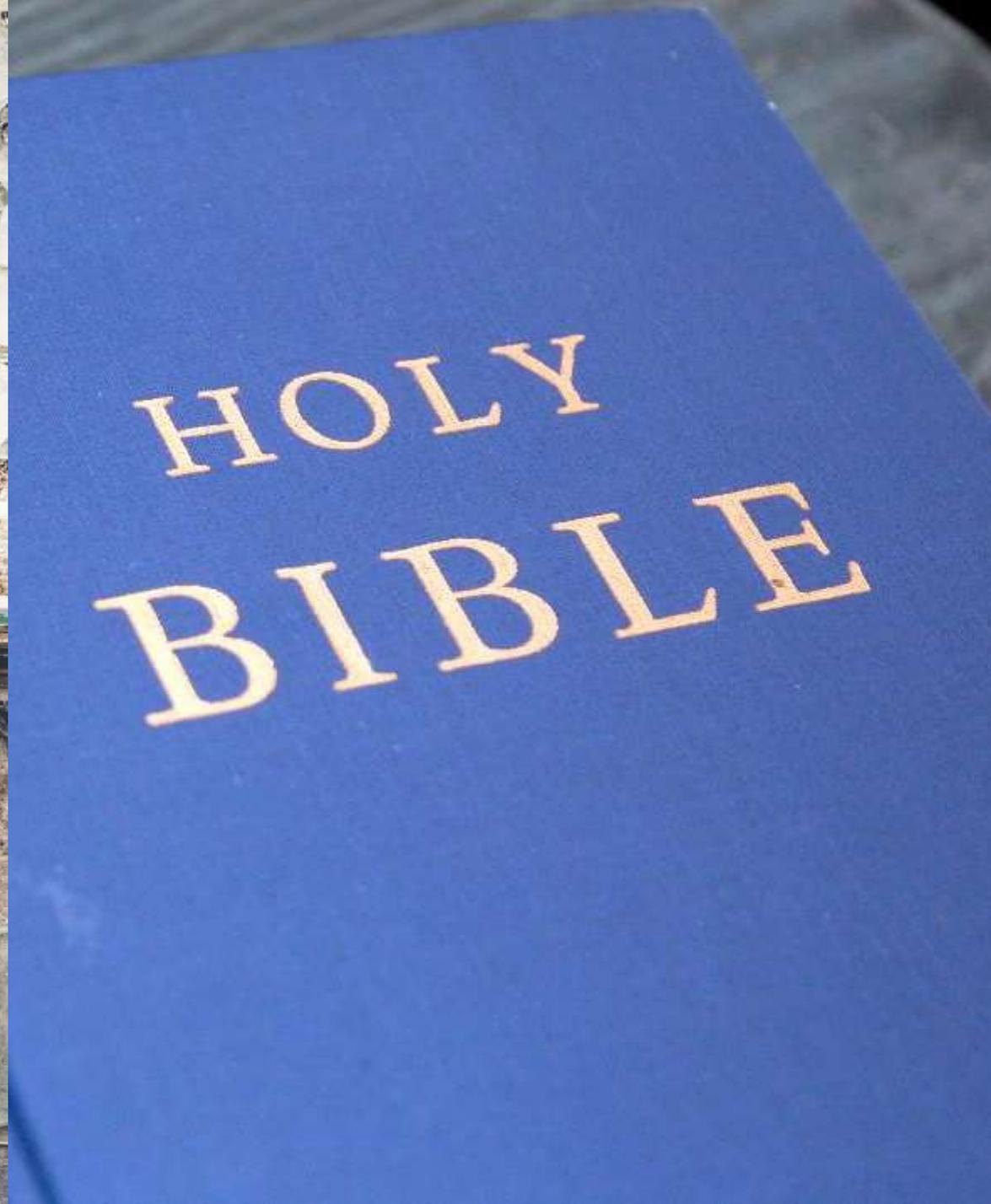
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'I consider that our present sufferings [do not compare] with the glory that will be revealed in us. For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. For the creation was subjected to frustration...in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God...we ourselves...groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved.'

(Romans 8:18-25)

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- **'the freedom and glory of the children of God' (v21)**
- **'our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies' (v23)**

'glory' (Rom. 8:18)

- **God's immortality (Rom.1:23)**
- **the immortality of those to whom God gives eternal life (Rom. 2:7)**
- **the power of God that raised Jesus from the dead (Rom. 6:4)**

**‘But our citizenship is in heaven.
And we eagerly await a Saviour
from there, the Lord Jesus
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(Philippians 3:20-21)

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‘What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all – how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?...we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am convinced...[nothing] will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.’ (Romans 8:31-32, 37-39)

