

# John's Birth and Naming: An Event for All Generations

## Luke 01:57-66

### 1 *The child's birth*

- a. Sealed God's power
- b. Sealed God's mercy
- c. Caused all to rejoice

### 2 *The child's name sealed a prophetic witness*

- a. The child was circumcised:  
Given up to God
- b. The name was disputed

- c. The father confirmed  
the name John

### 3 *The child's birth caused several important results*

- a. The father was miraculously  
healed and praised God
- b. The people were awe-stricken
- c. The events were spread abroad
- d. The sense of destiny  
surrounded the child

57 When it was time for Elizabeth to have her baby, she gave birth to a son.

58 Her neighbours and relatives heard that the Lord had shown her great mercy, and they shared her joy.

59 On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him after his father Zechariah.

60 But his mother spoke up and said, "No! He is to be called John."

61 They said to her, "There is no one among your relatives who has that name."

62 Then they made signs to his father, to find out what he would like to name the child.

63 He asked for a writing tablet, and to everyone's astonishment he wrote, "His name is John."

64 Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue was loosed, and he began to speak, praising God.

65 The neighbours were all filled with awe, and throughout the hill country of Judea people were talking about all these things.

66 Everyone who heard this wondered about it, asking, "What then is this child going to be?" For the Lord's hand was with him.