

# People of the New Testament

## Elisabeth

**Scripture:** Luke 1:5-25; 39-80

**Memory Verse:** Luke 1:13 - “. . .thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name *John.*”

### Lesson 2

**INTRODUCTION:** Elisabeth was the wife of Zacharias, the priest. Her name means “*God her oath.*” She was of the “*daughters of Aaron*” (Luke 1:5) which meant that many of the men in her family had been priests of the Lord. Elisabeth was a good woman who loved the Lord, but she had no children. Elisabeth seems to have been a woman concerned with others around her for she is always mentioned in connection with someone else who seems to stand out a little more than she.

#### I **ELISABETH AND HER HUSBAND, ZACHARIAS** (Luke 1:5-25)

Elisabeth's husband one day went down to the temple to burn incense, which was his job. While there, an angel appeared to him and told him that he would have a son, even as old as he was, whose name would be John. Elisabeth's husband could not believe this, so to prove it to him, he was made speechless until the baby was born. Soon, just as the angel had said, Elisabeth became pregnant and was so excited to finally, in her old age, have a baby.

#### II **ELISABETH AND HER COUSIN, MARY** (Luke 1:39-56)

Elisabeth had a cousin who lived in Galilee in a city called Nazareth. Her name was Mary. This is the same Mary who would be the mother of the Lord Jesus. Mary knew that Elisabeth was older and perhaps thought that she could be a help to her during the last few months of her pregnancy, so she decided to go visit Elisabeth for

awhile. When Mary arrived at Elisabeth's house and greeted Elisabeth, the babe leaped within Elisabeth for joy. Elisabeth and Mary both rejoiced that they were chosen to be a part of God's great plan.

### III **ELISABETH AND HER SON, JOHN** (Luke 1:57-80)

When it came time for Elisabeth's baby to be born, her neighbors and cousins gathered to rejoice with her. Everyone said that she should name the baby Zacharias after his father, but Elisabeth said, "*Not so but he shall be called John*" Elisabeth was the mother of the great forerunner and "*prophet of the highest,*" John the Baptist.

**TEACHER NOTE:** *Present a clear presentation of the Gospel to your class at this time and give opportunity for students to accept Jesus as their Saviour. You may want to emphasize the importance of believing God's Word, and the importance of prayer.*