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“When the time came for Elizabeth to have her child, she gave birth to a boy. Her neighbors and relatives celebrated with her because they had heard that the Lord had shown her great mercy. On the eighth day, it came time to circumcise the child. They wanted to name him Zechariah because that was his father’s name. But his mother replied, ‘No, his name will be John.’

“They said to her, ‘None of your relatives have that name.’ Then they began gesturing to his father to see what he wanted to call him.

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“After asking for a tablet, he surprised everyone by writing, ‘His name is John.’ At that moment, Zechariah was able to speak again, and he began praising God.

“All their neighbors were filled with awe, and everyone throughout the Judean highlands talked about what had happened. All who heard about this considered it carefully. They said, ‘What then will this child be?’ Indeed, the Lord’s power was with him.

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“John’s father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied, ...

““You, child, will be called a prophet of the Most High, For you will go before the Lord to prepare his way. You will tell his people how to be saved through the forgiveness of their sins. Because of our God’s deep compassion, the dawn from heaven will break upon us, to give light to those who are sitting in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide us on the path of peace.”

“The child grew up, becoming strong in character. He was in the wilderness until he began his public ministry to Israel.”

The VOICES of CHRISTMAS

John the Baptist: The Voice of Preparation

“A voice crying out in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the way for the Lord; make His
paths straight.’” Luke 3:4b













