**JESUS, THE RISING SUN**

 **(The Song of Zechariah)**

Luke 1:57-80

Key Verse: 1:78, 79 “Because of the tender mercy of our God, by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace.”

1. How did Zechariah and Elizabeth express their faith in God’s purpose in giving them a son? (57-66) For what did Zechariah praise God? (67-68)

2. Why does he call Jesus “the horn of salvation”? (69; 2 Samuel 22:3) What did God say through his prophets about the Messiah? (70; Isaiah 9:6, 7)

3. From what does the horn of salvation save us? (71, 74; Revelation 12:3,9) How does the coming of the Messiah fulfill God’s covenant with Abraham? (72-73; Genesis 22:18)

4. What is God’s purpose in rescuing us? What does it mean to serve him without fear in holiness and righteousness before him all our days? (74-75)

5. What was the mission of Zechariah’s son? (76)

6. How does Jesus’ coming to earth show God’s tender mercy? What does Jesus, the Rising Sun do? (77-79)