

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ZECHARIAH -
AN OVERTURE
Luke 1:67-79

When you give people the gospel, you give them something to believe, and you have set the stage for that. You don't just drive up, dump the truck, and drive off.

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Good news coming to Israel (Luke 1:5-25)

Sometimes the need we feel the most isn't the thing we need the most.

Sometimes the trial that hurts the most is the blessing that gives the greatest reward.

- It validates God's plan
- It prepares us for God's future

Good news brings freedom (Luke 1:67-79)

It brings the freedom to sing the right song (1:68-75)

It gives us the freedom to participate in God's plan (1:76-79)

- Called to be God's spokesman
- Enabled to serve
- Appointed to give knowledge of salvation
- Given to light the way

Good news makes "forerunners" of all of us

- A call to see ourselves in a different light
- A call to embrace our role
- A call to envision our service