

Opposite Christmas: When Sorrow Finds Joy (Luke 1:57-80)

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A. The Promise of New Life - Beginning (Luke 1:13-17)

. . .the angel said to Zechariah, "Do not be afraid . . . for your prayer has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. Luke 1:13

B. The Promise Fulfilled - Blessing (Luke 1:57-66)

Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son.
Luke 1:57

C. The Promise of Influence - Prophet (Luke 1:67-80)

And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people in the forgiveness of their sins,Luke 1:76-77

D. The Promise of Joy - Eternal (Psalm 30)

You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; you have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness, that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent. - O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever! Psalm 30:11-12