**Zechariah, Elizabeth & John**

**2024 Christmas Series: Heroes of the ADVENT – pt 1 of 4**

BCC Sermon Notes December 1, 2024

**Last Sunday:** Sarah Altenhofen – UofI Navigator’s Missionary

**Next Sunday:** Pastor Chuck Clifton preaches…

***Malachi 4:1-5****… See, I will send you the prophet Elijah before that great and dreadful day of the Lord comes. He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers…*

***Luke 1:1-80****… the angel said to him: "Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to give him the name John… And he will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous--to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."…*

**3 ways we can continue being Christmas Heroes today…**

**Like Zechariah, we can *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_* our former unbelief *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***

***60*** *He asked for a writing tablet, and to everyone's astonishment he wrote, "His name is John." Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue was loosed…*

**Like Elizabeth, we can *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_* Jesus before others *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***

***41*** *Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?*

**Like John, we can *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_* how Jesus forgives our sins *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***

***76*** *And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High; for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for him, to give his people the knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins…*

