

SERMON OUTLINE & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS  
JANUARY 22, 2023

**THE DAWNING OF THE NEW AGE**  
**LUKE 1:5-25**

**MAIN THOUGHT & OUTLINE**

God's promise of John's birth was the first ray of dawn's light shining into the darkness of God's people.

- I.** The Darkness Before the Dawn (v.5-7)
- II.** The First Ray of Dawn's Light (v.8-17)
- III.** The Certainty of the Dawn (v.18-25)

**QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION & DISCUSSION**

- 1. Why does Luke mention Herod to introduce this section of text?
- 2. What has God said in His Word that you struggle to believe? Would you believe it more if an angel appeared to you? Why not?
- 3. What does this passage teach about patience in waiting for God's answer to his people's prayers?
- 4. Boys & girls – how can you too have the Holy Spirit in you? What difference would that make to your life?

**FURTHER READING:** 1 Kings 18; Dan 8:16, 9:21; Malachi 4:5-6; Luke 7:28; Eph 5:18