

Elisabeth Discussion

Remember that these monologues are essentially historical fiction, based on the Scripture but filling in plausible subjective details, both emotional responses and motivations. Your first task is to decide if they are reasonable.

What are some of the ways God prepared Elisabeth to be the mother of John?

If people look down on us, even God's people, does that mean that we are in the wrong?

If you have children, have you found yourself thinking of what they mean to you instead of what they mean to God?

What might have been going through Elisabeth's mind when she heard of the strange things that went on at the Temple?

What did Zechariah's loss of ability to speak do for Elisabeth?

What did Mary's visit do for Elisabeth?

What did it do for Mary?

Would Elisabeth have been surprised when she spoke these words of prophecy?

"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? As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed is she who has believed that what the Lord has said to her will be accomplished!"

Did this happen because she sought the gift of prophecy?

How would Elisabeth react to the use of those words in the veneration of Mary that eventually developed?

Picture the scene when the local Rabbi was about to name the baby "Zachariah".

What would Elisabeth's reaction have been when Zechariah spoke after 9 months of silence?

Would extended family likely be called on to assist the couple?

Would the life of Zechariah and Elisabeth become an object of curiosity by friends and strangers alike?

How did the news spread of this unusual birth?

How does God's plan for introducing the Messiah into the world differ from the way it would have been carried out by a political action committee or a marketing company?

What do you expect were the challenges to Zechariah and Elisabeth for raising John?

Was he likely to have been an easy child?