

Elizabeth and Zechariah, the Preparers

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Luke 1:57-66,

In the season of Advent as Christmas is approaching, we try to rethink and expose ourselves again to the wonderful story of the birth of Jesus, and also prepare for the celebration of his birth. Such preparation is not a new matter. In the history, when the time for the birth of Jesus had come there were a large number of people who were quite involved in those preparations. Zechariah, Elizabeth and John were the ones who played important roles in the preparations.

In today's text, we are introduced Zechariah and Elizabeth who became the parents of John a preparer of the people for the coming of God's Son. John is to be one who prepares in the wilderness a highway for the coming of God's Son; who prepares the way for the coming of light and peace and love; who sets the scene for the arrival of Jesus. John was a "Preparer," whose one purpose was ... to make ready for the Lord, a people prepared.

Now, it is essential that we understand our role as we of the Church are the ones living in this 21st century who are to fulfill the same task as those 'Preparers.' We are to open the way for God through the wilderness in which we live. We are to make way for the Advent of God's love in this day. We are to be the "Preparers!" We may seek in every way, in everything we do, in every gift we buy, in every card we write, in every greeting we give "... to make ready for the Lord a people prepared."