

IN THE WORLD



John 17:9-19

LESSON 3
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Connect timeless truths with today's news.

PREPARING THE HUNT

Fantasy and story lover Jon Collins-Black has hidden five treasure chests across the United States, and the hunt is on. In *There's Treasure Inside*, Jon uses a series of clues and hints to guide readers to the treasure chests, which are full of collectibles and prizes worth around two million dollars. But this treasure hunt took preparation—from testing his clues to participating in auctions for historical relics, Collins-Black worked hard to create a nationwide treasure hunt that would be accessible for all who wish to participate. While no prizes have been won so far, people from across the country are using online platforms to share ideas, theories, and updates about the hunt as they prepare to find the treasure.

PREPARING FOR CHRIST

Before Zechariah's son, John, is born, an angel of the Lord tells Zechariah that John will prepare the people for Christ. John is born, and Zechariah praises God, for he will set his people free. Zechariah is filled with the Spirit and prophecies about Jesus' coming and John's role in preparing the way. John will teach the Jewish people that they can be saved only through God's forgiveness of sins. Zechariah worships God and points out that he has not abandoned his people but is instead providing them with a Savior.

1. When has preparation enabled you to experience something great?
2. Why is preparation important?
3. How does John prepare his listeners for Christ's coming?

Additional Resources

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[Brittany E. Wilson's "Commentary on Luke 1:5-13 \[14-25\] 57-80"](#)

[Elisabeth Johnson's "Commentary on Luke 1:5-13 \[14-25\] 57-80"](#)

[Video: BibleProject's "The Birth of Jesus: Luke 1-2"](#)

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