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**“FROM SHOCK TO SONG”**

**“The Day God Broke the Silence”**

(Luke 1:5-25, 57-80)

**INTRODUCTION:**

**1A. THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF GOD (MALACHI TO MATTHEW)**

*“Behold, days are coming,” declares the Lord GOD,*

*“When I will send a famine on the land,*

*Not a famine for bread or a thirst for water,*

*But rather for hearing the words of the LORD.*

*“People will stagger from sea to sea*

*And from the north even to the east;*

*They will go to and fro to seek the word of the LORD, But they will not find it.”*

—Amos 8:11, 12

**2A. THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF ZACHARIAS (1:5-17)**

*“In the days of Herod, king of Judea, **there was a priest named Zacharias**, of the division of Abijah; and he had a wife from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. They were both righteous in the sight of God, walking blamelessly in all the commandments and requirements of the Lord. **But they had no child**, because Elizabeth was barren, and they were both advanced in years.”*

—Luke 1:5-7

**3A. THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF ZACHARIAS (1:18-25)**

*“And behold, **you shall be silent and unable to speak until the day when these things take place, because you did not believe my words**, which will be fulfilled in their proper time.”*

—Luke 1:18-25

4A. THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF ZACHARIAS (1:13-17, 57-66, 80)

*“...your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will give him the name John. You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth. For he will be great in the sight of the Lord; and he will drink no wine or liquor, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit while yet in his mother’s womb. And he will turn many of the sons of Israel back to the Lord their God. It is he who will go as a forerunner before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, TO TURN THE HEARTS OF THE FATHERS BACK TO THE CHILDREN, and the disobedient to the attitude of the righteous, so as to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.”*

—Luke 1:13-17

5A. THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF ZACHARIAS (1:67-79)

*And his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Spirit, and prophesied, saying:  
“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,  
For He has visited us and accomplished redemption for His people...”*

—Luke 1:67, 68

1B. God \_\_\_\_\_.

2B. God \_\_\_\_\_.

3B. God \_\_\_\_\_.

4B. God \_\_\_\_\_.

**CONCLUSION:**

- *The first advent and coming of Jesus is not only the day God broke the silence, but it is also the day God \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_.*

*“What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the Word of Life – and the life was manifested, and we have seen and testify and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was manifested to us...”*

—1 John 1:1, 2