

The background features a dark navy blue field with several overlapping circles in shades of light blue and grey. A central circle contains a white, eight-pointed star. The text 'HOLY' is positioned on the left, and 'MOMENTS' is on the right, both in a bold, sans-serif font with a yellow-to-orange gradient. Two horizontal lines, one above 'HOLY' and one below 'MOMENTS', span the width of the text.

HOLY

MOMENTS

Jesus is greater still

**Advent: celebrating
and reflecting on the
birth of Jesus the
Messiah**

**Advent: waiting with
expectation that Jesus
will return a second
time**

The birth of John the Baptist foretold
Luke 1:5-25

The birth of Jesus foretold
Luke 1:26-38

Luke 2:1-7; 22-35

- The birth of John the Baptist
- Circumcised on the 8th day
- Named
- Prophetic word spoken by an elderly man, Zechariah

Luke 1:57-66

- The birth of Jesus the Messiah
- Circumcised on the 8th day
- Named
- Prophetic word spoken by an elderly man, Simeon

John the Baptist: Luke 1:80 And the child grew and became strong in spirit

Jesus the Messiah: Luke 2:40 And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him.

Luke 1:5-7; 13-15

⁵ In the time of Herod king of Judea there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly division of Abijah; his wife Elizabeth was also a descendant of Aaron. ⁶ Both of them were righteous in the sight of God, observing all the Lord's commands and decrees blamelessly. ⁷ But they were childless because Elizabeth was not able to conceive, and they were both very old.

Luke 1:5-7; 13-15

¹³ But the angel said to him: “Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to call him John. ¹⁴ He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice because of his birth, ¹⁵ for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He is never to take wine or other fermented drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit even before he is born.

Luke 1:18

Zechariah asked the angel, “How can I be sure of this? I am an old man and my wife is well along in years.”

Luke 1:39-42

³⁹ At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, ⁴⁰ where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹ When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. ⁴² In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear!"

Matthew 3:14

14 But John tried to deter him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?”

John 1:19-20; 23

¹⁹ Now this was John's testimony when the Jewish leaders in Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to ask him who he was. ²⁰ He did not fail to confess, but confessed freely, "I am not the Messiah."

²³ John replied in the words of Isaiah the prophet, "I am the voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way for the Lord.'"

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