The Nativity: When History and Mystery Collide Matthew 11:10-11 The most improbable people become the ______ of the most important ______ ever. John's parents were ______ and beyond the ______ of having children. Luke 1:7 John's parents were of the _____ line of Israel. Luke 1:5 _____ is the _____ on duty to light the candles in the Temple. Luke 1:8–9 The mystery is that God was even in the _____ of ______ so that Zechariah was chosen. Luke 1:9 Even as righteous man, Zechariah was given to _____ and _____ and suffered for it. Luke 1:20 Their little boy would be the first prophet in _____ years. Luke 1:14-17 John the Baptist is spoken of by all four . Luke in particular intertwines the pregnancies of _____ and _____. Luke 1:35–36 All four Gospel writers quote ______ in reference to John the Baptist. Isaiah 40:3 The _____ has specific things to say about John. He was _____ from _____. John 1:6 He was ______ with the Holy Spirit from his ______. Luke 1:15 He came to bear witness about the _____(___). John 1:7-8 _____ came in a very mysterious way through John. John had such an _____ message that God sent him to the . His parents remind the Jewish people of _____ and _____. Genesis 17:17 His desert dwelling would remind them of _____ and his year wandering.

Exodus 3:1 His ______ would remind them of ______. Matthew 3:4; 2 Kings 1:7–8 His would remind them of the . Matthew 3:7, 10 Jesus declared John to be the ______ ever born. Matthew 11:11 John bore witness about the _____; Jesus. John 1:6-8 _____ is the greater ______. Matthew 11:13–14; 17:10-13 John is the final _____ prophet. Matthew 11:11 John pointed people _____ from _____ to Jesus. John 3:28, 30 There was ______ as to who the ______ was. As a ______ in the ______ he leaped for joy. Luke 1:44 As a man, he did not know who the was without ____ from God. John 1:32-34 As a ______, John knew what the ______ was to do. Matthew 3:11–12 As a _____, John had ______ about Jesus being the Christ. Matthew 11:2–3 The message from John is ______ and _____. It was profound because it called for ______ life change. Mark 1:4–5 John's message was mysterious because it was so _____ Though John is greater than , he performed no but he did find joy in seeing the Christ with his own eyes. John 3:29–30 He pointed to ______ who was yet to be _____ in person. Mark 1:7 He _____ the _____ of the one to come. John 1:15