1. **Luke 1:18-25**
* Who is speaking to Zechariah here?
* Why has Zechariah become “unable to talk” and when will his ability be restored?
* What does this situation say to you?
* **Daniel 9:20-27**
* Look back over **Luke 1:5-20** and share any similarities you find between the **Gospel of Luke** and the reading from **Daniel**.
* **Matthew 24:15-21**
* What verse from **Daniel** chapter 9 did Jesus quote?
* What was Jesus talking about then?
* Is there anything else in **Daniel** you believe may be prophetic and relate to Jesus?
1. **Luke 1:26-30**
* How did Mary respond initially to God’s messenger?
* What does it mean to be “full of grace”, as the angel proclaimed to Mary?
* What is special about Joseph being “of the house of David”?
* What house did the early Church believe Mary belonged to?
* **Protoevangelium of James** (145-150 AD, note Non-Canonical) *Sections 9-10*

“And Joseph said to Mary: Behold, I have received you from the temple of the Lord; and now I leave you in my house, and go away to build my buildings, and I shall come to you. The Lord will protect you. And there was a council of the priests, saying: Let us make a veil for the temple of the Lord. And the priest said: Call to me the undefiled virgins of the family of David. And the officers went away, and sought, and found seven virgins. And the priest remembered the child Mary, that she was of the family of David, and undefiled before God.”

* **Ruth 4:12, 18-22, Hebrews 7:11-17**
* What tribe did David and Jesus come from according to **Ruth** and **Hebrews**?
* **Genesis 49:8-10**
* Do you find anything prophetic in this reading from **Genesis** about Judah?
* **Catechism** **490-493**
* Please share something that stood out to you in today’s study.