JOHN – THE BAPTIST (LUKE 1:5-25; 39-80, LUKE 3:1-22, LUKE 7:18-23, MARK 6:14-29)

Zechariah had been appointed High Priest for the year so it was his turn to enter the Holy of Holies on behalf of the Jews with the blood of a lamb, so that their sins might be forgiven by God. While there, he had an encounter with the Lord's angel, Gabriel. He was told that his wife, Elizabeth, who was a relation of Mary, would bear a son in her old age and that they were to call him "John'.

Because of his doubt, Zechariah was unable to speak until the child was born. Once he wrote down the baby's name, his speech was restored, and he praised God Almighty for His goodness and prophesied over John's future.

John grew up, full of the Holy Spirit, and lived in the desert. He wore a garment of camel hair and ate locusts and honey.

When the time was right, when he was 31 years old, he began his ministry, appearing to many and calling people to repentance and to be baptised. He said that all mankind would see God's salvation and that he was preparing the way for Jesus, the Messiah. He also confessed, he was not the Christ, but that someone, more powerful, would be there soon, the thong of whose sandals he, John, was not worthy to untie.

Jesus came to him, at the Jordan River, to be baptised and, as he rose up from the water, the Holy Spirit, in the form of a dove, settled on him and a voice from Heaven proclaimed, "You are my Son, whom I love. With you I am well pleased."

Jesus then went into the desert where, after forty days without food, he was tempted by Satan. Meanwhile, John continued to call people to repent of their sins and to be baptised so that they could receive God's forgiveness.

When he upset Herod, the Tetrarch of Galilee, by telling him he was sinning by marrying his brother's wife, John was thrown into prison. Herod's wife hated John and schemed to have him killed. As a result, his head was chopped off and presented to Herod on a platter, during a banquet. His disciples came, took his body and buried it.

Of all men, none was greater than John, the Baptist.

JØØN NA NÄK DÏLÖÖY NA NYUUDHI (LUK 1:5-25; 39-80, LUK 3:1-22, LUK 7:18-23, MAAK 6:14-29)

Dhekaraya olø jier na Kwääc Lam mana Dwøng kiper cwiir kiper manøgønøø, døny kanya näk mo ena Kurkeer døc opäth cere ni kar jø Juuth ni ji käära remø mar nyi diel, køøre nø, nee raay moge wëën Jwøkki. Ni eni ena kaace, ena røømmø ki nyaatwiel maal mar Jwøk, ma Geebriel. Ni caani jïre ni cïïe, ma Ilidhabeth, na näk tuung ki Meeri, jïttö ki nyilaal mo dicwøø ïth cwiic dööngö mwøøe ba nyengnge ocwølge ni 'Jøøn'

Ba kipera ataa mare, Dhekaraya atïmö ni ba løny kiman cääne këël kanya lwaarø ki nyilaaal. Kanya göör nyeng nyilaal piny kiree, cäänö mare aput dwøk kare, ni pwøc Jwøk na en teekki jïre kiper beer Mare ni cääne kiper i nyïm mar Jøøn.

Jøøn adøøngngø, ni päng ki Jwïëc Jwøk na en Kurkeere, ni eni bëëdö i pwöla. Eni käära abïi mo tiíc jïëya athïrööl ni cam mare bee bäänyö ki maar-kïc

Ba kanya timë ni caa mana näk kare, kanya tim cwiic dööngnge ni 31, Eni tiic mare atääe, ni nyooth dëëre ji jiy mo thööth ni cwöl jiy bang løk cwiny kiper nee ge lwøk na nyuudhi. Ena köö ni jiyi bëët løny man jootge piëm mar Jwøk ni Eni jiingnga jöö kiper Jiicö, na näk Macaya. Eni thuwø mare acaane, ni eni paththa Krictö, ba da ngat mør, mo teek døc, mo timö ni nut ki kany mo cään, mo Eni na Jøøn, thøøth wacgø ba rømi kiman pätgø.

Jiïcö aö bange, bäät Naam Jordan, kiper nee eni lwøk na nyuudhi, ba kanya ö maal ki ïth piï, Jwïëc Jwøk na en Kur-keere, apï bääte, ki dëël mo caala akuuru, ni kö dwølli mo ööy ki maal ni, "Ïïna Wääda, na mëëra kigø. Na met yia ki mare."

Køøre Jïicö aci i pwöla, kanya bëëde yie ki ninë mo pïëra angween ni bung cam, ni Eni dipäänynya Anägö. Karkanyi ca, Jøøn acääth nyïm kiman cwøl jiy nee rege løkge ith raay moge kiper nee ge lwøk na nyuudhi kiper nee lønye kiman jitge ki wëën raay bang Jwøk.

Kanya lø raany cwïny Eerat na cwøl ni Tetiraac, na näk kwäärö mar Galili, ki køør mana caan gø jïgø ni eno obääyö kiper mana döönge ki cï cokki, Jøøn aput leeng i øt-tööc. Cï Eerat amännö ki Jøøn køøre ena cïp piny ka acaara man näk eni kigø. Ki køøra acaara manøgø nø, wï Jøøn aput ngul wøk ni cïbï jï Eerat no ocïp ya athäänh, kanya en ge bäätta atïïyya. Køøre bääk Jøøn aöö, olwørge dëër Jøøn, okoonyge gø.

Ki dëët jiy bëët, bung dhaanhø mo kare dwøng kamar Jøøn, na näk Dïlööy na Nyuudhï.