

## **Commentary on the Gospel for Mon, Jun 24th 2019**

John the Baptist, coming after a lapse of about 200 years of prophecy, was welcomed, and thought of as the long-awaited, long-prayed for, messiah. However, instead of cashing in on people's expectations, he side-stepped the spotlight, granting Jesus the honors.

John's story is my story too! As Isaiah says, I too am called from birth, and named while in the womb. The same task John the Baptist had of being a fore-runner of Jesus, is my task too.

My task at the moment is to ponder, like the neighbors of Zechariah, on what I am to become, knowing that the hand of the Lord is upon me.

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