

# Today's Reading:

**Luke ch1 v67-79 (Page 1014)**



A close-up photograph of a person's hand holding a small, white rectangular card. The card is held between the thumb and the fingers, with the palm facing the viewer. On the card, the word "WHY" is printed in a large, bold, black, sans-serif font. The letters are thick and have rounded terminals. The background is a dark, solid color, which makes the white card and the black text stand out prominently. The lighting is soft, highlighting the texture of the skin and the smooth surface of the card.

**WHY**

# Why Christmas

67 His father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied:  
68 “Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come to his people and redeemed them.  
69 He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David  
70 as he said through his holy prophets of long ago,  
71 salvation from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us  
72 to show mercy to our ancestors and to remember his holy covenant,  
73 the oath he swore to our father Abraham:  
74 to rescue us from the hand of our enemies, and to enable us to serve him without fear  
75 in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.  
76 And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High; for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for him,  
77 to give his people the knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins,  
78 because of the tender mercy of our God, by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven  
79 to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace.”

**Luke 1:67-79 (NIV)**