

**“Luke’s Angelic Visitation Comparison Zacharias (John) & Mary (Jesus)”**  
**Compared By Similarity Of Parallel Narrative Story Telling Patterns**

**Annunciation Story – Johns’ Birth (Luke 1:5-23)**

**A) Introduction Of Parents**

“There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judea, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the division of Abijah. His wife was of the daughters of Aaron, & her name was Elizabeth. And they were both righteous before God, walking in all commandments & ordinances of the Lord blameless!” Luke 1:5-6

**B) Obstacles To Childbearing**

“But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, & they were both well advanced in in years.” Luke 1:7

And Zacharias said to the angel, “How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is well advanced in years!” Luke 1:18

**C) Encounter With The Archangel Gabriel**

“So it was, that while he was serving as priest before God in the order of his division, according to the custom of the priesthood, his lot fell to burn incense when he went into the temple of the Lord. And the whole multitude of the people was praying outside at the hour of incense. Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing on the right side of the altar of incense. And when Zacharias saw him, he was troubled, & fear fell upon him!” Luke 1:8-12

**D) Assurance of God: “Do Not Be Afraid!”**

And when Zacharias saw him, he was troubled & fear fell upon him. But the angel said to him, “Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your prayer is heard; & your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, & you shall call his name John!” Luke 1:12-13

**Annunciation Story – Jesus’ Birth (Luke 1:26-38)**

**A) Introduction Of Parents**

“Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin’s name was Mary.” Luke 1:26-27

**B) Obstacles To Childbearing**

“To a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The Virgin’s name was Mary.” Luke 1:27

Then Mary said to the angel, “How can this be since I do not know a man?” Luke 1:34

**C) Encounter With The Archangel Gabriel**

“And having come in, the angel said to her.” Luke 1:28a

**D) Assurance Of God: “Do Not Be Afraid!”**

But when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, & considered what manner of greeting this was. Then the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God!” Luke 1:29-30

**Annunciation Story – Johns’ Birth (Luke 1:5-23)**

**E) Announcement Of God’s Will**

But the angel said to him, “Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your prayer is heard; & your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, & you shall call his name John! And you will have joy & gladness, & many will rejoice at his birth! For he birth! For he will be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink! He will also be filled with the Holy Spirit, from his mother’s womb! And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God! He will also go before Him in the spirit & power Elijah, ‘to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children,’ and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord!”  
Luke 1:13-17

**F) Promise Of A Son**

But the angel said to him, “Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your prayer is heard; & your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, & you shall call his name John!”  
Luke 1:13

**G) Objection To Archangel Gabriel’s Words**

And Zacharias said to the angel, “How shall I know this? For I am an old man, & my wife is well advanced in years!”  
Luke 1:18

**H) Giving Of Aa Sign**

And the angel answered & said to him, “I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God, & was sent to speak to you & bring you these glad bring you these glad tidings! But behold, you will be mute & not able to speak until the day these things take place, because you did not believe my words which will be fulfilled in their own time!”  
Luke 1:19-20

**Annunciation Story – Jesus’ Birth (Luke 1:26-38)**

**E) Announcement Of God’s Will**

“Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!” But when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying & considered what manner of greeting this was. Then the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God! And behold, you will conceive in your womb & bring forth a Son, & shall call His name Jesus! even He will be great, & will be called the Son of the Highest; & the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David! And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, & of His kingdom there will be no end!”  
Luke 1:28b-33

**F) Promise Of A Son**

“And behold, you will conceive in your womb & bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus!”  
Luke 1:31

**G) Objection To Archangel Gabriel’s Words**

Then Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I do not know a man?”  
Luke 1:34

**H) Giving Of A Sign**

And the angel answered & said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, & the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, the Holy One Who is to be born will be called the Son of God! Now indeed, Elizabeth your relative has also conceived a son in her old age, & this is now the sixth month for her who was called barren. For with God nothing will be impossible!”  
Luke 1:35-37

**Annunciation Story – Johns’ Birth (Luke 1:5-23)**

**I) Response To The Sign Given**

Luke remains silent on this point of a response from Zacharias, but his Gospel account of this story tells us this:

“And the people waited for Zacharias, & marveled that he lingered so long in the temple. But when he came out, he could not speak to them; & they perceived that he had seen a vision in the temple, for he beckoned to them & remained speechless!” Luke 21-22

*Therefore, no verbal response can be given by Zacharias because he has been made mute, but he does motion & beckon to the people gathered outside the Temple!*

*However, the people respond to Zacharias through their marveling amazement) & their perception (understanding) of the Sign given to them because of his silence, bewilderment, & excitement!*

**J) Departure Of Archangel Gabriel**

*No departure of the Archangel Gabriel from the presence of Zacharias in the Temple is announced by Luke in his Gospel account but it is implicitly understood to have occurred for three reasons:*

- 1) Zacharias leaves the Temple
- 2) Zacharias returns home with his wife
- 3) Six months later the Archangel Gabriel appears again to Mary in Nazareth.

**Annunciation Story – Jesus’ Birth (Luke 1:26-38)**

**I) Response To The Sign Given**

Then Mary said, “Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word.” Luke 1:38a

**J) Departure Of Archangel Gabriel**

“And the angel departed from her.” Luke 1:38b

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**Compared By Similarity Of Language Patterns**

<u>Zacharias’ Visitation - Luke 1:11-20</u>	<u>Mary’s Visitation Luke 1:28-38</u>
“He was troubled” v 12	“She was troubled” v 28
“The angel said to him” v 13	“The angel said to her” v 30
“Do not be afraid, Zacharias” v 13	“Do not be afraid, Mary” v 30
“Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son” v 13	“You will conceive in your womb & bring forth a Son” v 31
“And you shall call his name John” v 13	“And shall call His name Jesus” v 31
“For he will be great in the sight of the Lord, & shall drink neither wine nor strong drink. He will also be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother’s womb. And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God. He will also go before Him in the spirit & power of Elijah, ‘to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children,’ & the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord!” vs. 15-17	“He will be great, & will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, & of His kingdom there will be no end.” “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, & the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, the Holy One Who is to be born will be called vs. 32-33 & 35b
And Zacharias said to the angel, “How shall I know this? For I am an old man, & my wife is well advanced in years!” v 18	Then Mary said to the angel, “How can this be this be, since I do not know a man?” v 34
“And the angel answered & said to him” v 19	“And the angel answered and said to her” v 35
“I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God, & I was sent to speak to you & bring you these glad tidings!” v 19	“Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. And having come in, the angel said to her, ‘Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!’” vs. 26-28
“But behold, you will be mute & not able to speak until the day these things take place, because you did not believe my words which will be fulfilled in their own time!” v 20	“Now indeed, Elizabeth your relative has also conceived a son in her old age; & this is now the the sixth month for her who was called barren. For with God nothing will be impossible!” Then Mary said, “Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word.” vs. 36-38