



# The Birth of John the Baptist Foretold

Luke 1:5-25

The Harmony of the Gospels offers a comparative study chart for Matthew, Mark, Luke and John's Gospel accounts. Categorized by subjects, this study resource allows quick, side-by-side viewing of what each apostle recorded in each of the four Gospels.

Subjects	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
<b>Pre-Christ Narratives</b>				
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# Luke 1:5

- In the days of Herod, king of Judea,

**How many Herod's are in  
the NT?**



**Matthew 2:19**

**But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt,**

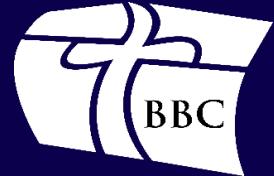
**Herod, byname Herod the Great, Latin Herodes Magnus, (born 73 BCE—died March/April, 4 BCE, Jericho, Judaea), Roman-appointed king of Judaea (37–4 BCE), who built many fortresses, aqueducts, theatres, and other public buildings and generally raised the prosperity of his land but who was the centre of political and family intrigues in his later years. The New Testament portrays him as a tyrant, into whose kingdom Jesus of Nazareth was born.**

<https://www.britannica.com/biography/Herod-king-of-Judaea>



1. **Herod the Great: Luke 1**
2. **Herod Archelaus: Joseph to Nazareth instead of Bethlehem because of him (Mt 2:22)**
3. **Herod Antipas: Killed John the Baptist (Mt. 14)**
4. **Herod Philip: Ruled area north and east of Galilee; Pilate and Herod became friends (Luke 23:12)**
5. **Herod Agrippa I: Peter in Jail & Eaten by worms (Acts 12:23)**
6. **Herod Agrippa II: Trial of Paul in Caesarea (Acts 25)**





# Luke 1:5

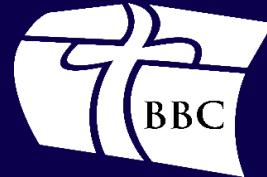
- There was a priest named **Zechariah**, of the division of Abijah.
- And he had a wife from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was **Elizabeth**.



# Luke 1:6

•And they were both righteous before God, walking blamelessly in all the commandments and statutes of the Lord.

**What more could be said about them?**



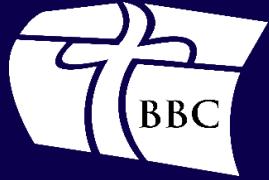
# Luke 1:7

• **But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were advanced in years.**

**Who are you thinking about?**



# Why is God doing this like this?



# Luke 1:8

- Now while he was serving as priest before God when his division was on duty,



# Luke 1:9

- According to the custom of the priesthood, he **was chosen by lot** to enter the temple of the Lord and burn incense.

**Divine Providence**



These are all details that could easily be refuted when Luke's Gospel was first published.



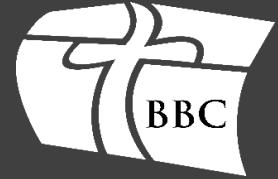
# Luke 1:10

- And the whole multitude of the people were praying outside at the hour of incense.

The  
Temple



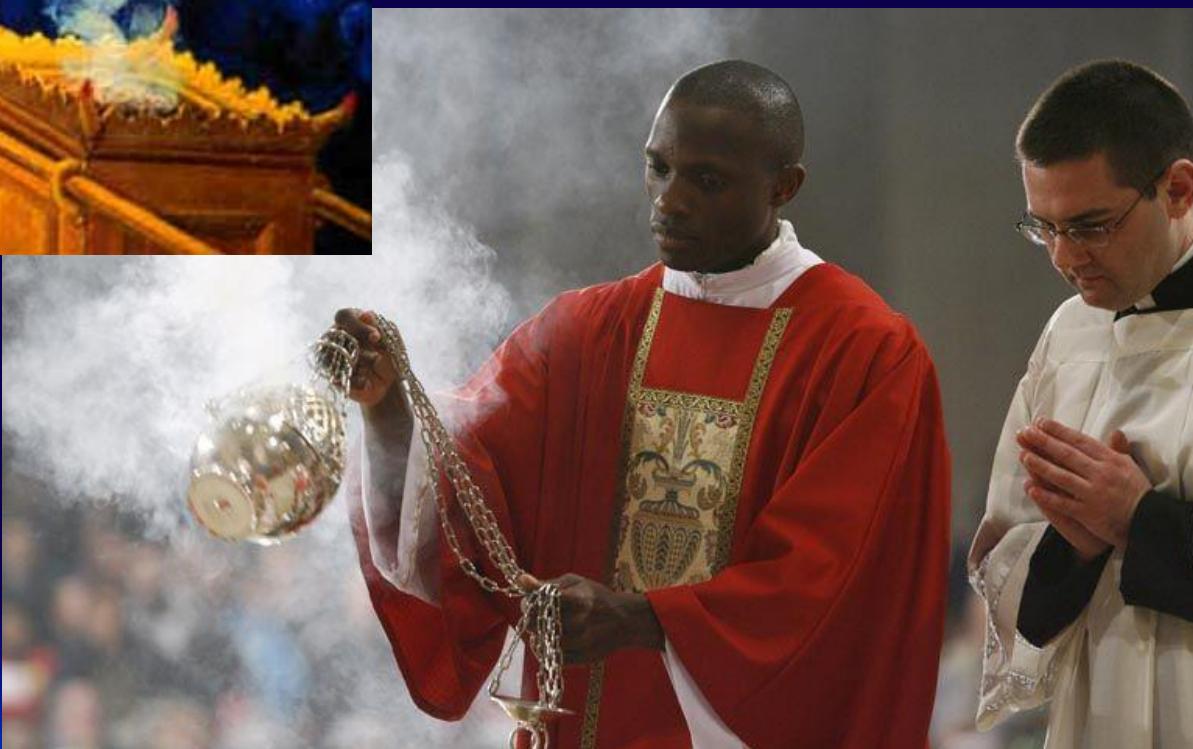
# Exodus 30:8



•And when Aaron sets up the lamps at twilight, he shall burn it, a regular incense offering before the LORD throughout your generations.



Why don't we  
do this?



- 1. We don't have a temple where God dwells and meets with His people.**
- 2. We were not commanded to.**
- 3. Our prayers ascend to heaven like the incense in the temple (Rev. 5:8).**



# Luke 1:11

•And there **appeared** to him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense.

**This is Gabriel v. 19**

**This chapter illustrates what makes  
Scripture a genre of literature  
absolutely set apart from all other  
literature on the planet.**

**How so?**

**The Bible and the NT in particular is the only ‘sacred’ literature on the planet that is so packed with historically verifiable facts in narrative form. The Bible is the greatest apologetic to the Christian faith.**

# VBS

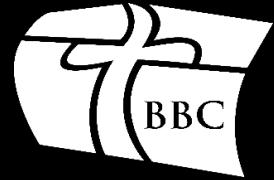
**Is the Bible, the Word of God, a  
trustworthy and reliable source of  
information?**



# Angel or Angels

181x in 176 verses

# Revelations 22:16



•“I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.”



# Luke 1:12

- And Zechariah was troubled when he saw him, and fear fell upon him.



# Luke 1:13

- But the angel said to him,

**“Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. <sup>14</sup> And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, <sup>15</sup> for he will be great before the Lord. And he must not drink wine or strong drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother’s womb. <sup>16</sup> And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God, <sup>17</sup> and he will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready for the Lord a people prepared.”**



# Luke 1:13

- “Do not be afraid, Zechariah, **for your prayer has been heard**, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John.



# Luke 1:14

- And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth,



# Luke 1:15

•For he will be great before the Lord. And he must not drink wine or strong drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb.



John is the only man  
we know saved before  
birth.

What does that say  
about him?



**Luke 1:16**

•And he will turn many of the children  
of Israel **to the Lord** their  
**God,**

**What does this say about  
Jesus?**



# Can you say fulfilled prophecy?

## Malachi 4

**“Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and rules that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel. <sup>5</sup> “Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. <sup>6</sup> And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.”**



# Luke 1:17

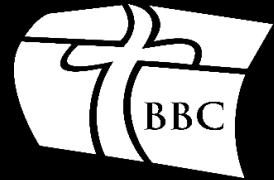
•And **he will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah**, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready for the Lord a people prepared.”



# Luke 1:17 (NASB95)

•“It is he who will go as a forerunner before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers back to the children, and the disobedient to the attitude of the righteous, so as to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.”

# John 1:49



- Nathanael answered him, “**Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!**”

# We need to talk about a forerunner and his significance.

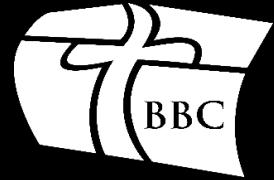
A warm-up act, opening act, support act, or supporting act is an entertainment act (musical, comedic, or otherwise), that performs at a concert before the featured act, or "headliner".



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# Luke 7:28

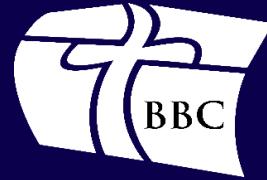


•I tell you, among those born of women none is greater than John. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.”



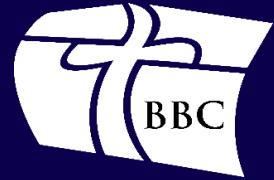
# Back to the Temple

v. 18



# Luke 1:18

•And Zechariah said to the angel, “**How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is advanced in years.**”



# Luke 1:19

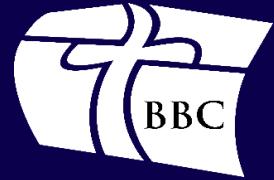
- And the angel answered him,

**“I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I was sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. <sup>20</sup> And behold, you will be silent and unable to speak until the day that these things take place, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time.”**



# Vs like 19

**Make the Bible Special  
or Sound like a Myth**



# Luke 1:19

- “I am Gabriel.

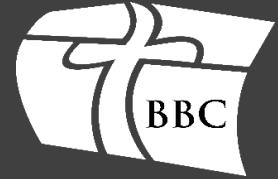


The reader of the OT  
would not be  
surprised to hear  
about Gabriel.



# Turn Back To

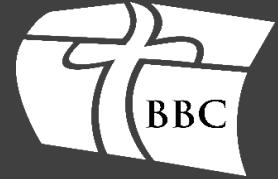
# Daniel 8 & 9



# Daniel 8:15-16

•When I, Daniel, had seen the vision, I sought to understand it. And behold, there stood before me one having the appearance of a man. <sup>16</sup> And I heard a man's voice between the banks of the Ulai, and it called, “Gabriel, make this man understand the vision.”

# Daniel 9:21



•while I was speaking in prayer, the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the first, came to me in swift flight at the time of the evening sacrifice.

What does he make him understand?



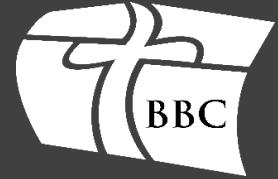
# Luke 1:19

•“I stand in the presence of God, and I was sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news.

**The Bible consistently presents a  
localized presence of God.**

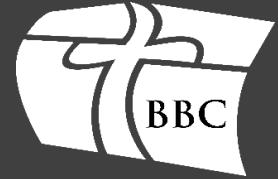
**And the Bible presents the  
omnipresence of God.**

# Psalm 11:4



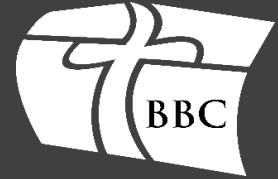
•The LORD is in his holy temple; the LORD's throne is in heaven; his eyes see, his eyelids test the children of man.

# Isaiah 6:1



•In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple.

# Jeremiah 23:24



•Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD.



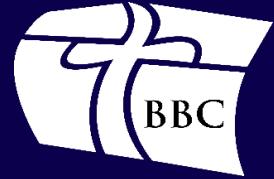
# Daniel 7:9

•“As I looked, thrones were placed, and the Ancient of Days took his seat; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames; its wheels were burning fire.



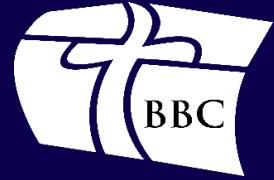
# Back to the Temple

v. 20



# Luke 1:20

•And behold, you will be silent and unable to speak until the day that these things take place, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time.”

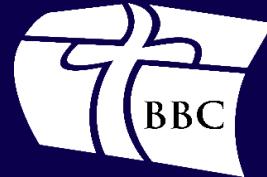


# Luke 1:21

- And the people were waiting for Zechariah, and they were wondering at his delay in the temple.

Imagine being one of the  
people of v. 21 and reading  
Luke's gospel.

If Luke was written in the early  
60s...



# Luke 1:22

•And when he came out, he was unable to speak to them, **and they realized that he had seen a vision in the temple.** And he kept making signs to them and remained mute.



# Luke 1:23

- And when his time of service was ended, he went to his home.

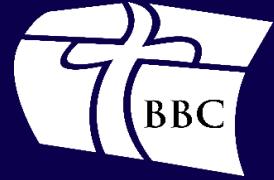
**Do you realize how easily verifiable all  
of this would be?**

**Name, dates, details...**



# Luke 1:24

- After these days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she kept herself hidden, saying,



# Luke 1:25

- “Thus the Lord has done for me in the days when he looked on me, to take away my reproach among people.”