

Parallel Structure of John and Jesus's Infancy in the Gospel of Luke

John	Jesus
<p style="text-align: center;">Luke 1:5-25</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The annunciation of the Birth of John. 2. Presentation of the parents. 3. Appearance of angel Gabriel. 4. Zechariah is troubled; "Fear not." 5. Announcement of the birth: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. <i>Question:</i> how shall I know this? II. <i>Response:</i> reprimand of the angel Gabriel. III. <i>Sign:</i> Behold, you will be silent. IV. <i>Response:</i> Zechariah is speechless due to unbelief. 6. Departure of Zechariah 	<p style="text-align: center;">Luke 1:26-38</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The annunciation of the Birth of Jesus. 2. Presentation of the parents. 3. Appearance of angel Gabriel. 4. Mary is troubled; "Fear not." 5. Announcement of the birth: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. <i>Question:</i> how can this be? II. <i>Response:</i> revelation by the angel Gabriel. III. <i>Sign:</i> Behold, your kins-woman... IV. <i>Response:</i> Mary velds to the work of God in faith. 6. Departure of the angel.
<p style="text-align: center;">Luke 1:39-56</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Parallel greetings of the two mothers, Elizabeth and Mary. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Luke 1:39-56</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Parallel greetings of the two mothers, Elizabeth and Mary.
<p style="text-align: center;">Luke 1:57-66</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. Birth, rejoicing, circumcision and naming of John, with accompanying wonders. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Luke 2:1-21</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. Birth, rejoicing, circumcision and naming of Jesus, with accompanying wonders.
<p style="text-align: center;">Luke 1:67-80</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 9. Greeting of child John by inspired Zechariah. 10. Growth of child. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Luke 2:22-40</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 9. Greeting of child Jesus by inspired Simeon and Ana. 10. Growth of child.
	<p style="text-align: center;">Luke 2:41-52</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 11. Proof of surpassing significance of Jesus by his behavior in the temple.