

Christianity assured: firm foundations for the confident Christian

The long promised son

Luke 1:26–38

How do you get from Zechariah to John? How do you get from Zechariah to Zechariah?

Context: The overture, and a comparison

Zechariah	Mary
An angel appeared... “I am Gabriel” And Zechariah was troubled when he saw him But the angel said to him, “Do not be afraid” “Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son” “You shall call his name John” “He will be great before the Lord” “How shall I know this?” “You did not believe my words”	The angel Gabriel appeared But she was greatly troubled at the saying And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid” “You will conceive in your womb and bear a son” “You shall call his name Jesus” “He will be great...” “How will this be, for I do not know a man” “Let it be to me according to your words”

The announcement that changes everything:

- 1. The announcement of grace**
- 2. The announcement of the Son of God**
- 3. The announcement of a new creation**

Conclusion: Luke 1:38