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Parallel Stories of Jesus and John the Baptist in Luke

Luke's Gospel tells the infancy stories of John the Baptist and Jesus through a series of parallel segments:

	John the Baptist	Jesus
Luke introduces the parents of the child-to-be.	1:5–7	1:26–27
An angel announces the child's birth.	1:8–23	1:28–38
The mother responds to God's announced plan.	1:24–25	1:39–56
The baby is born.	1:57–58	2:1–20
The baby is circumcised and named.	1:59–66	2:21–24
Prophecy is offered concerning the child.	1:67–79	2:25–38
The child grows and matures.	1:80	2:40–52