



# QUEST 52

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## Infancy Narratives Overlap

- 1) The parents to be, Mary and Joseph, are legally engaged or married, but have not yet come to live together or have sexual relations (Matt 1:18; Luke 1:27, 34).
- 2) Joseph is of Davidic descent (Matt 1:16, 20; Luke 1:27, 32; 2:4).
- 3) There is an angelic announcement of the forthcoming birth of the child (Matt 1:20–23; Luke 1:30–35).
- 4) The conception of the child by Mary is not through intercourse with her husband (Matt 1:20, 23, 25; Luke 1:34).
- 5) The conception is through the Holy Spirit (Matt 1:18,20; Luke 1:35).
- 6) There is a directive from the angel that the child is to be named Jesus (Matt 1:21; Luke 1:31).
- 7) An angel states that Jesus is the Savior (Matt 1:21; Luke 2:11).
- 8) The birth of the child takes place after the parents have come to live together (Matt 1:24-25; Luke 2:5–6).
- 9) The birth takes place at Bethlehem (Matt 2:1; Luke 2:4–6).
- 10) The birth is chronologically related to the reign (days) of Herod the Great (Matt 2:1; Luke 1:5).
- 11) The child is reared at Nazareth (Matt 2:23; Luke 2:39).

Raymond Brown, *The Birth of the Messiah: A Commentary on the Infancy Narratives in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke* (New York: Dell Publishing Group, 1993), 35.