

How can I know for sure...?

**These were the last words he was
allowed speak for extended period of time**



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Luke 1: 12-20





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- So, what was so wrong with ...**how can I be sure of this?**
- *“From the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks”*
- How can I be sure... **revealed** what was in Zechariah’s heart
- In a word **“unbelief ”**
- *Deeply religious but highly sceptical* as this incident took place in the temple (v11)





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- ¹⁸ Zechariah asked the angel, “**How can I be sure of this?** I am an old man and my wife is well along in years.”
- **Two words ...Disapproval & Discipline**
- ¹⁹ The angel said to him, “I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to tell you this good news.
- ²⁰ And now you will be silent and not able to speak until the day this happens, because **you did not believe my words,** which will come true at their appointed time.”





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• OBSERVATIONS

- Their are many “Zachariah’s” within the Christian community
- The “Zachariah’s” are usually held in high esteem within the Christian community
- **If it sounds to good to be true...** then most likely it’s not





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- APPLICATIONS

- “It’s best to take God at His Word... and **keep** your mouth shut”
- Rather than opening your mouth and have **HIM** shut it.

