

## LUKE Lesson 8

### The Baptism, Genealogy, and Temptation of Jesus Christ: Chapter 3:21-4:13

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1. Luke, presenting Jesus as the perfect man, records Jesus being baptized “**when all the people were baptized.**” The emphasis in Luke’s gospel is that God actually became one of US in the person of Jesus.
2. Note the purposeful distinction between “**This IS my beloved Son**” (Matt 3:17, God speaking to the crowd) —and “**Thou ART my beloved Son**” (Luke 3:22, God speaking to His Son).
3. The **Trinity** can be observed in these verses (see 1 Jn 5:7); one God manifest in three persons.
  - a. 1 Jn 3:16, God laid down his life for us.
  - b. 1 Tim 3:16, Jesus was God manifest in the flesh.
  - c. Acts 20:28, God’s blood was shed at Calvary.
4. Jesus, the perfect man, was a **praying** man (vs 21). He prayed:

At His baptism (3:21).

Before choosing His disciples (6:12)

At His transfiguration (9:29).

When the disciples asked Him to teach them to pray (11:1).

That Peter’s faith fail not (22:32).

In Gethsemane (22:41).

For His enemies (23:34).

On the cross (23:46).

5. **Why did Jesus get baptized?**
  - a. To manifest Himself to Israel as the Messiah; the prophet like unto Moses (Jn 1:31).
  - b. To fulfil all righteousness (Matt 3:14).
    - i. Jesus had no sin and therefore, no need of repenting (2 Cor. 5:21).
    - ii. Jesus came to take our sins upon his own body and become a curse for us (Gal 3:13).
    - iii. God judges sin (the flood of Noah’s day, the prophet Jonah).
      1. Since our sin would be upon Jesus, God would judge OUR sin in HIS body.
      2. Jesus’ baptism represented God’s judgment upon all mankind.
  - c. To later provide a ceremony which would provide the believer a way to publicly demonstrate their unity in Christ; to show that they have salvation in Christ.
6. **Mode of baptism.** Jesus “went up straightway out of the water” (Matt 3:16). You must be under the water to come up out of the water. Immersion is the biblical method of baptism.

#### The Genealogy of Jesus Christ (3:23-3:38)

**Matthew**, presenting Jesus as the King of the Jews, records the genealogy back to **Abraham**. It is necessary to prove that the King is a direct descendant of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. This is the lineage of Mary.

**Luke**, presenting Jesus Christ as the MAN, Christ Jesus, records the genealogy back to **Adam**. This traces Joseph’s lineage. Though Joseph wasn’t the biological father of Jesus, he was the legal father by adoption. And so, the people “**supposed**” (thought) that Jesus was “**the son of Joseph**” (vs 23).

The Israelites had very accurate records preserved in the temple, by which, any Jew would be able to **prove their bloodline**. Those records were destroyed in 70 A.D. by Titus. If a man shows up today claiming to be the Messiah, he wouldn’t be able to prove it.

Adam was “**the son of God**” (vs 38). Angels were called “sons of God” (Job 1:6, 38:7). The term “son of God” refers to a being that is without sin at the time of conception or creation.

No man was called a “son of God” after Adam until Jesus Christ. Ordinary men are not sinless at the time of their conception. But Jesus Christ is called the **Son of God** by virtue of His virgin birth. He didn’t have Adam’s tainted blood.

Those who believe in Jesus Christ and receive him as their Savior are called sons of God (Jn 1:12-13). When you are born again, your new nature is created without sin. Your old sinful nature and your new sinless nature must live together until the redemption of your body (Rom 7:15-25, Eph 1:14, 4:30).

### **The Temptation of Jesus Christ (4:1-13)**

**VS 1** Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted. Lesson: don’t always assume that you’re out of the will of God if you find yourself in some sort of difficult situation.

**VS 2** Jesus went 40 days with no food (and probably no water). Moses and Elijah also fasted 40 days (Ex 34:28, 1 Ki 19:8). Notice also that Jesus was tempted the entire 40 days, not just three times.

**VS 3** Satan will always cast doubt on God’s word. “If thou be the Son of God...” “Yea, hath God said?” (Gen 3:1). “A better rendering of that verse...” “the best manuscripts say...”

**First Tempting:** Satan recommends that Jesus turn a stone into bread. Tempting a hungry man’s flesh.

**VS 4** Jesus responds with scripture. Satan’s fingerprints are on the new bibles in this verse. The last six words are omitted. Satan doesn’t want you to live by every word of God.

**5-7** **Second Tempting:** I’ll give you all these kingdoms; they’re mine to give. That is true. Adam lost it, Satan inherited it and he offers it to Jesus. ...But there’s a catch. Satan wants to be worshipped.

**VS 8** Jesus responded with scripture. (See Ex 20:3, 34:14, Deut 5:7, 10:20).

**9-11** **Third Tempting:** Cast yourself down from the temple and show the people who you are. Notice that Satan quotes scripture to try and get Jesus to sin. God hates when someone tries to lead a righteous person to sin (Prov 28:10). People use scripture verses taken out of context when they want to justify a particular sin.

**VS 12** Jesus’ response: Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God (Deut 6:16). Don’t tempt ME! I’m your Lord! Satan has a lot of power and authority, but he has to operate under the control of Jesus Christ.

Adam and Eve failed in their temptation because they relied on human reasoning. They leaned unto their own understanding. Jesus was victorious when tempted because He relied on the word of God.

**1<sup>st</sup> temptation:** Human Need. Providing for your human needs isn’t sinful unless it excludes God.

**2<sup>nd</sup> temptation:** Human Ambition. It’s not sinful to achieve a high position—unless it’s not God’s will.

**3<sup>rd</sup> temptation:** Get ahead of God. Take the throne now; forget the cross. Take the easy way. Take the glory without the cross. God says, “Whoso breaketh an hedge, a serpent shall bite him.” No shortcuts!

**VS 13** The devil departed from Jesus for a season. When he returned in the garden in Judas Iscariot, he found out that Jesus was going to do what He came to do: die on the cross for our sins.