

Luke 3 pt 5

Luke 3: 23-38

23 Now Jesus Himself began His ministry at about thirty years of age, being (as was supposed) the son of Joseph, the son of Heli, 24 the son of Matthat, the son of Levi, the son of Melchi, the son of Janna, the son of Joseph, 25 the son of Mattathiah, the son of Amos, the son of Nahum, the son of Esli, the son of Naggai, 26 the son of Maath, the son of Mattathiah, the son of Semei, the son of Joseph, the son of Judah, 27 the son of Joannas, the son of Rhesa, the son of Zerubbabel, the son of Shealtiel, the son of Neri, 28 the son of Melchi, the son of Addi, the son of Cosam, the son of Elmodam, the son of Er, 29 the son of Jose, the son of Eliezer, the son of Jorim, the son of Matthat, the son of Levi, 30 the son of Simeon, the son of Judah, the son of Joseph, the son of Jonan, the son of Eliakim, 31 the son of Melea, the son of Menan, the son of Mattathah, the son of Nathan, the son of David, 32 the son of Jesse, the son of Obed, the son of Boaz, the son of Salmon, the son of Nahshon, 33 the son of Amminadab, the son of Ram, the son of Hezron, the son of Perez, the son of Judah, 34 the son of Jacob, the son of Isaac, the son of Abraham, the son of Terah, the son of Nahor, 35 the son of Serug, the son of Reu, the son of Peleg, the son of Eber, the son of Shelah, 36 the son of Cainan, the son of Arphaxad, the son of Shem, the son of Noah, the son of Lamech, 37 the son of Methuselah, the son of Enoch, the son of Jared, the son of Mahalalel, the son of Cainan, 38 the son of Enosh, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God.

1. With our last study on the Trinity as the backdrop that God the Father is God, God the Son is God, God the Holy Spirit is God
 - a. We now come to the role of the Son in His humanity
 - b. **The One who's birth divided history; BC & AD**
 - c. Matthew reveals Jesus as the Sovereign King
 - d. Mark reveals Him as the suffering servant

- e. Luke reveals Him as the Son of Man
 - i. As the Son of man; Luke shows His family tree back to Adam
- 2. Both **Matthew 1** and **Luke 3** give us the genealogy of Jesus
- 3. **41** names mentioned in Matthew & **77** names mentioned in Luke
 - a. Matthew begins with Abraham and goes down the line
 - b. Luke begins with Jesus and goes back to Adam
 - i. From Abraham to David, the names are the same
 - ii. From David down, the names are different
 - 1. Luke uses Mary's family tree back to David
 - 2. Matthew uses Joseph's family tree back to David
- 1. Why is family history important? What's the significance?
 - a. Why list them by name?
 - b. Genealogies are important in many nations even today and they were particularly [important] to the Jews. Remember Paul declaring himself ..., "I am an Israelite ..., a descendant of Abraham, from the tribe of Benjamin" (Roms. 11:1). So these two genealogies of Jesus would have been absolutely essential reading for ... Jews two thousand years ago (**GEOFF THOMAS**)
 - c. Ancestry determined the right to:

- i. **Buying and selling land**
 - 1. Each parcel belonged to a family
- ii. **Inheritance**
 - 1. There are lengthy genealogies in Ezra & Nehemiah to prove who had which land
- iii. **Priesthood**
 - 1. You have to prove your lineage to serve as priest
- iv. **Royalty**
 - 1. To validate your right to the throne
 - 2. While being from the line didn't alone prove Jesus is the Messiah; the absence of the genealogy would
- d. Genealogy was a matter of public record
- e. Any rabbi could have easily disputed Jesus' identity based on their own public genealogical tables, but none did. Jesus is the son of David and the son of Abraham (**Gene Brooks**)
- f. Since Joseph and Mary were both in David's line, these genealogies prove that Jesus of Nazareth has the legal right to David's throne
- g. **This validates beyond all doubt the lineage of Jesus and His right as the Son of David.**
- h. **No one can claim to be the Messiah today because of the destroyed records in 70 AD**

2. So Luke goes way back to set the stage for Jesus giving Him the perfect legal background and right as the Messiah, the Son of Man
3. To bring the story closer to home, Jesus is not a distant savior who suddenly showed up. We can trace His family tree all the way to Adam
 - a. "Jesus' family tree shows us some interesting and important connections – David the king, Abraham the man who received God's promises, and Adam the first human. Having David as an ancestor links Jesus to God's royal house; having Abraham for an ancestor links him to God's covenant people... (**Douglas Milne**)
 - b. This list is highlighting the humanity of our Lord
 - c. Although He is 100% God, He's also 100% man
4. Jesus has a biography; he has family and ancestors that go [way] back ... He is earthed in the history of this people with whom God chooses to have dealings. He belongs, and when we belong to him, then we belong to these people too. Adam is my father too; Abraham is my father in the faith. (**GEOFF THOMAS**)
5. Allow me to introduce you to your adoptive family
6. We'll see real people who had real problems and they found the grace of God and were used by God
7. This is how God chose to reveal Himself to us
 - a. Instead of giving us 66 books of lists of what to do, God uses the stories of individuals and how God deals with them to learn from

8. **Adam** Who had unhindered fellowship with God in the garden
- a. He was not deceived
 - b. **1 Timothy 2:14** And it was not Adam who was deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression
 - c. Here is an opportunity for God to wipe him out and start fresh
 - i. No one would ever know
 - d. God chose to cover them with skins
 - e. God made provisions for redemption
 - i. **That's Grace**

9. **Noah** Who found grace in the eyes of the Lord
- b. One of 8 people who survived
 - c. Planted a vineyard and got drunk
 - d. Time for another flood Lord, let's start over...
 - e. Noah lived another 350 years after the flood and died at 950
 - i. **That's Grace**

10. **Abraham** is known as the friend of God & Father of the Faith

- a. Lied to Pharaoh
- b. Lied to Abimelech
- c. Impatient with God and married Hagar
- d. Time to find another friend Lord and a person who has real faith**
 - i. The Lord plagued Pharaoh's house
 - ii. The Lord appeared to Abimelech and said "you're a dead man..."
 - iii. The Lord blessed Ishmael for Abraham's sake

1. That's Grace

11. **Jacob** is the father of the 12 tribes

- a. The Lord met him and promised him the land, protection, provision
- b. Jacob forgot about the Lord for about 20 years
- c. He lied & connived his way through life
- d. He showed favoritism to his children and was not the model father
- e. The Lord appeared to him again and spoke kindly to him
- f. He wrestled with The Angel of the Lord and was blessed
- g. God extended Grace and changed his name to Israel

1. That's Grace

12. **Judah** whose name means praise

- a. One of the 11 who conspired against Joseph
- b. Committed incest and tried to cover it up
- c. **Maybe it best to chose another tribe Lord, Judah has issues**
- d. **Genesis 49:10** "The scepter shall not depart from Judah, Nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, Until Shiloh comes, And to him *shall be* the obedience of the peoples.
- e. Jesus is known as the lion from the tribe of Judah

i. That's Grace

13. **David** is known as the man after God's own heart

- a. He slew the giant
- b. He is the sweet psalmist of Israel
- c. He committed adultery & murder
- d. He tried to cover it up for 1 year
- e. **2nd Sam 12:13** And David said to Nathan, I have sinned against the Lord. And Nathan said to David, The Lord also has put away your sin; you shall not die

- f. **Psalm 32** Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

- i. That's Grace**

14. **These examples show how God desires and is able to redeem and use people with a broken past**

15. **How can God simply chose to show grace and forgive?**

- a. **Are You simply going to ignore these sins?**

- b. **NO: Another will pay the price in full**

- c. **Then there must be repentance**

16. In Luther's writings, there's a story of Satan meeting Luther: "Luther, how dare you to pretend to be a reformer of the Church? Luther, let your memory do its work - let your conscience do its duty: you have committed this sin - you have been guilty of that sin; you have omitted this duty, and you have neglected that work: let your reform begin in your own bosom. How dare you attempt to be a reformer of the Church?"

Luther, with the self-possession and confidence by which he was characterized, (whether it was a dream or reality, he himself professes not to decide,) said to Satan - "Take up the slate that lies on the table, and write down all the sins with which you have now charged me; and if there be any additional, write them, also." Satan, rejoiced to have the opportunity of accusing, just as our blessed Lord is rejoiced to have the opportunity of advocating,

took up a pencil, and wrote a long and painful roll of the real or imputed sins of Luther.

Luther said, "Have you written everything?" Satan answered, "Yes, and a black and dark catalogue it is, and sufficient to keep you from making any attempt to reform others, till you have first purified and reformed yourself." Luther said, "Take up the slate and write as I shall dictate to you. My sins are many; my transgressions in the sight of an infinitely holy God, are countless as the hairs of my head: in me there dwells no good thing; but, Satan, after the last sin you have recorded, write the announcement which I shall repeat from **1 John 1:7, "The blood of Jesus Christ cleanses from all sin."** Luther in that text had peace; and Satan, knowing the source of his peace, had no more advantage against him

17. Knowing this truth doesn't give me a free pass to continue sinning
18. I realize I'm a sinner
 - a. I hate the sin that breaks my savior's heart
 - b. Because I love my master, my savior

A. Here is truth for us to know and consider

1. They were the ancestors of Jesus, we are the offspring of Jesus
2. **As long as our name is written in the Lambs book of life**

3. **1 John 3:2** Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.
4. **Galatians 4:6** Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father."
5. **As His children, we have an inheritance in Christ**
 - a. His peace is our peace
 - b. His power is our power
 - c. His love is our love
 - d. His joy is our joy
 - e. His home is our home
 - f. Whatever belongs to Him belongs to us