

The STAR of the Show

Luke 3:15-22



Luke 3:15-17 * all passages are NIV unless noted

¹⁵ The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. ¹⁶ John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. **He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.** ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

2 Timothy 3:12-13

¹² In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, ¹³ while evildoers and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived.

Big Truth:

them. ¹⁹ But when John rebuked Herod the tetrarch because of his marriage to Herodias, his brother's wife, and all the other evil things he had done, ²⁰ Herod added this to them all: He locked John up in prison.

Luke 3:21a

²¹ When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too...

Matthew 3:13-15

¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. ¹⁴ But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵ Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented.

Luke 12:50 (NET)

⁵⁰ I have a baptism to undergo, and how distressed I am until it is finished!

Luke 3:21-22

²¹ When all the people were being baptized, **Jesus was baptized** too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened ²² and the **Holy Spirit** descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a **voice came from heaven**: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

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Discussion Questions

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1. Read **Luke 3:15-16**. Discuss the reasons why John the Baptist says the messenger is not as important as the Messiah. Why is that significant and how does John's example challenge us?

2. John said Jesus would baptize "with the Holy Spirit and fire." Jesus sends the Holy Spirit a few days after He ascends to heaven (Acts 2). Based on **Luke 3:17**, while the 'fire' could refer to purifying believers, why does the context seem to be referring to the baptism of fire as judgment?

3. Read **Luke 3:18-20**. Why was John imprisoned and why should contemporary believers prepare themselves for persecution (see **2 Tim. 3:12-13**)? Name some reasons why we should risk challenging people to turn from their sin and trust Jesus.

4. Read **Luke 3:21 & Luke 12:50**. Beyond just being an example for us to follow, what did the baptism of Jesus represent?

5. Read **Luke 3:21-22**. How does this passage speak to the reality of the Trinity? ('Trinity' is NOT a biblical word. It is a Latin term meaning tri-unity or 3-in-1) What is the danger of 'modalism' and how does this prove modalism as false?

6. What impacted you the most from today's teaching (or throughout this series thus far)?

7. Pray for one another & ask God for opportunities to share Jesus & develop disciples.