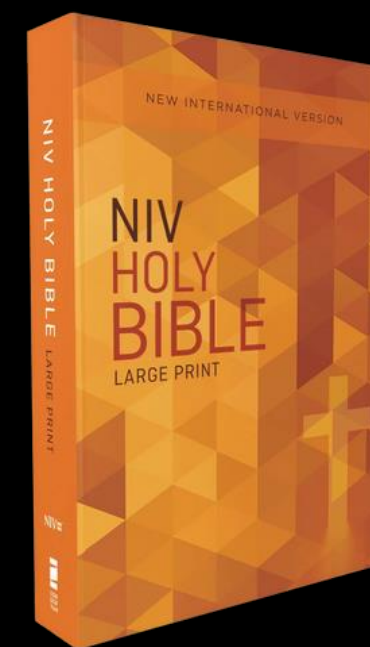


THE REASON THE SON OF GOD APPEARED

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE



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LUKE 3:21 – 38

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LUKE 16:16



**Until John the Baptist...the Law
(Torah) and the Prophets
pointed forward to the coming
Messiah.**

**Now...the Good News (gospel)
is preached, Jesus has arrived,
and people are lining up**

LUKE 3:20

**Herod added this to them all: He
locked John up in prison.**

LUKE 3:21

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

LUKE 16:16

The Law and the Prophets were proclaimed until John. Since that time, the good news of the kingdom of God is being preached, and everyone is forcing their way into it.

Why was Jesus baptized?

It was not because of sin (2 Cor 5:21).

Jesus got baptized as a decisive step of commitment to begin his ministry to us. He aligns himself with sinners (like us). He submits his life to the Father's plan and the Father anoints the Son with His Own Fatherly Words and with the Holy Spirit. The good news of the kingdom is coming!



How should I understand this moment?

“Heaven breaks open...” God breaks into human history; The Father sovereignly declares Jesus as His Son, while the Holy Spirit descends onto Jesus like a dove. We get to witness all three persons of the Trinity!



Why did God say “You are my son whom I love; with you I am well pleased?,,

These are OT prophetic words of the coming CHRIST you can find in the Scriptures...

PSALM 2:7-9

I will proclaim the Lord's decree: He said to me, "You are my son; today I have become your father. Ask me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession. "You will break them with a rod of iron; you will dash them to pieces like pottery."

ISAIAH 42:1-4

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will bring justice to the nations. He will not shout or cry out, or raise his voice in the streets. A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out. In faithfulness he will bring forth justice; he will not falter or be discouraged till he establishes justice on earth. In his teaching the islands will put their hope.

FROM ADAM TO CHRIST





Why are Matthew and Luke's genealogies different?

The biggest reason is explained in Luke 3:23: Jesus was the son of Joseph, SO IT WAS THOUGHT. Heli was most likely the father of Mary. If Mary had no brothers, then whoever Mary married would be the heir (Joseph).



Why is Jeconiah a big deal?

This is what the Lord says: “Record this man as if childless, a man who will not prosper in his lifetime, for none of his offspring will prosper, none will sit on the throne of David or rule anymore in Judah.”(Jeremiah 22:30, NIV)

**SO JESUS IS THE ONLY ONE
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Why did Luke go all the way back to Adam (Matthew starts at Abraham)?

Luke is showing that the gospel, the Savior, is available to all humanity.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:47–49

“The first man was of the dust of the earth; the second man is of heaven. As was the earthly man, so are those who are of the earth; and as is the heavenly man, so also are those who are of heaven. And just as we have borne the image of the earthly man, so shall we bear the image of the heavenly man.”

“For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.”

ROMANS 5:19



proto evangelium
first gospel

GENESIS 3:15

“And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.”



...The reason
the Son of God
appeared was
to destroy the
devil's work.

1 JOHN 3:8

ROMANS 16:20

The God of peace will soon crush
Satan under your feet...

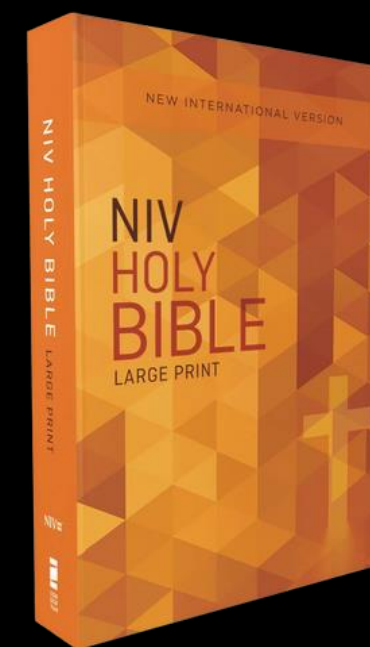
**Since the children have
flesh and blood, he too
shared in their humanity so
that by his death he might
break the power of him who
holds the power of death—
that is, the devil—and free
those who all their lives
were held in slavery by their
fear of death**

HEBREWS 2:14–15



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HomeGroup Questions

1. What does the baptism of Jesus symbolize, and why is it important in His life and ministry?
2. What is the significance of the Holy Spirit descending on Jesus like a dove?
3. What does God the Father's proclamation about Jesus at His baptism reveal about their relationship?
4. How does the genealogy of Jesus connect Him with key figures in the Old Testament and with all of humanity?
5. How do the events in Luke 3 prepare the way for the public ministry of Jesus?
6. How does Jesus' divine affirmation during His baptism impact our understanding of His identity and mission?
7. How does understanding Jesus' genealogy enhance our grasp of His humanity and divinity?
8. How does the account of Jesus' baptism inform our understanding of the significance of our own baptism?
9. What is the most meaningful part of this section for you?