

The Baptism & Genealogy of Jesus

External & Internal Qualifications of the One True Messiah

Luke 3:21-38

Baptism of Jesus: (v. 21-22; Matt. 3:13-15)

1. **Natural question, “if Jesus is God, why would He need to be baptized?”** Points:

- a. **Although Jesus needs no repentance or cleansing, He was _____ with the sinful humanity He came to save.** The people were called to obey God, and Jesus was obeying God right along with them.
- b. **His act of baptism was necessary to fulfill “_____ righteousness”.** By Jesus saying “permit it at this time”, He _____ God’s plan of salvation, prophesied through the Old Testament; now being fulfilled through the inauguration of His own ministry- a ministry which will culminate with His own death on the cross.
- c. **Jesus’s baptism is also an endorsement of _____ ministry & message,** and it links Jesus’ cause to John’s, thus completely validating John’s work & _____.

2. **A Unique Glimpse of The Trinity-** The three persons of the Godhead. (v. 21-22) Jesus prays and the heavens open up...

- a. **God the _____** begins the mighty work of His earthly ministry, which His baptism kicks off.
- b. **God the Father** solemnly _____ Him as the appointed mediator by a voice from heaven.
- c. **God the Holy Spirit** descends, in bodily form “like” a dove would, landing _____ Him.
- d. This shows the common work of God- **all three persons of the God-head, working in unison** to officially validate & confirm Jesus as the one true Messiah; the promised Redeemer. Thus, all three persons of the Trinity are equally _____ about the deliverance of our souls from eternal punishment. Isn’t that awesome??

- i. This should _____ our hearts when we’re worn out and discouraged because of the continued conflict in this life & world.
- ii. The enemies of our soul are mighty and many, but the friends of our souls (God) are _____ beyond comparison. (**1 John 4:4**)

The Genealogy of Jesus: (v.23-38)

1. **Jesus was about 30 yrs old.** It appears Luke was not fixed on exact age, but more so an approximate. The point being, Jesus was old _____ - as 30 was the customary age for entering into the office of a *Prophet, Priest* or *King* (Ezek. 1:1; Numb. 4:3; Gen. 41:46; 2 Sam.5:4) (*slide*)
2. **Luke records the Genealogy of Jesus to further validate Him as Messiah.** The Old Testament has always taught that the Messiah would come through the line of _____ (**Is. 11:1; Psalm 132:11; Mark 12:35-37**). The book of Matthew also shows this genealogy. Both Genealogies are the same from Abraham to David, but from David to Jesus they are different. Why??
 - a. (Matthew’s) **For _____ reasons, the Messiah, had to be qualified to be in the lineage of David.** Since Joseph was his legal father and guardian, there had to be shown a line from David through _____ who was actually in the line of David through Solomon.
 - b. (Luke’s) **Through the blood-line,** to further validate Jesus as Messiah, God would have Him be born of a virgin who was also from the line of David, via David’s son Nathan. _____ and her parents were of this line.
 - c. Thus, the _____ line is passed through, Jesus’ legal father, and His _____ descent from David is established through Mary’s lineage.