

Reading Luke in Lent



Gospel of Luke 3:21-38

²¹ Now when all the people were baptised, by John the Baptist and when Jesus also had been baptised and was praying, the heavens were opened,
²² and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven,
'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.'

The Genealogy of Jesus Christ

²³ Jesus, when he began his ministry,
²⁴ was about thirty years of age, being the son (as was supposed) of Joseph, the son of Heli,
²⁵ the son of Matthat, the son of Levi, the son of Melchi,
²⁶ the son of Jannai, the son of Joseph,
²⁷ the son of Mattathias, the son of Amos, the son of Nahum,
²⁸ the son of Esli, the son of Naggai,
²⁹ the son of Maath, the son of Mattathias, the son of Semein,
³⁰ the son of Josech, the son of Joda,
³¹ the son of Joanan, the son of Rhesa, the son of Zerubbabel,
³² the son of Shealtiel, the son of Neri,
³³ the son of Melchi, the son of Addi, the son of Cosam,
³⁴ the son of Elmadam, the son of Er,
³⁵ the son of Joshua, the son of Eliezer, the son of Jorim,
³⁶ the son of Matthat, the son of Levi,
³⁷ the son of Simeon, the son of Judah, the son of Joseph,
³⁸ the son of Jonam, the son of Eliakim,
the son of Melea, the son of Menna, the son of Mattatha,
the son of Nathan, the son of David,
the son of Jesse, the son of Obed, the son of Boaz,
the son of Sala, the son of Nahshon,
the son of Amminadab, the son of Admin, the son of Arni, the son of Hezron,
the son of Perez, the son of Judah,
the son of Jacob, the son of Isaac, the son of Abraham,
the son of Terah, the son of Nahor,
the son of Serug, the son of Reu, the son of Peleg,
the son of Eber, the son of Shelah,
the son of Cainan, the son of Arphaxad, the son of Shem,
the son of Noah, the son of Lamech,
the son of Methuselah, the son of Enoch, the son of Jared,
the son of Mahalaleel, the son of Cainan,
the son of Enos, the son of Seth,
the son of Adam, the son of God.

Reflection

Jesus prays through out Luke's Gospel. Here, following his baptism, his prayer is answered by the heavens opening, the appearance of the Holy Spirit and the voice from heaven proclaiming that Jesus is the beloved Son of God who is also the servant of the Lord.

Jesus begins his ministry at the age of thirty (when David became king) and Luke lists his ancestry through David and Abraham to Adam, the son of God. Jesus is the new Adam who offers salvation to all

- Consider your family tree of faith. Who are the people who have passed their faith down to you?

Prayer

Open the heavens,
almighty Father,
and pour out your Spirit
upon your people gathered in prayer.

Renew the power of our baptismal cleansing
and fill us with zeal for good deeds.
Let us hear your voice once again,
that we may recognise in your beloved Son
our hope of inheriting eternal life.

Grant this through Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
in the splendour of eternal light,
God for ever and ever.
Amen.