

## The Baptism and Genealogy of Jesus - Luke 3:21-38

**Topics:** Affirmation, Call, God, Holy Spirit, Life, Ministry, Prayer, Submission

### Open It

1. From what period of history would you most like to meet one of your ancestors?
2. What mental image comes to mind when you hear the word “baptism”?
- \* 3. Of all the things a person could hear God say to them, what would be one of the most meaningful?

### Explore It

4. Who baptized Jesus? (3:21)
- \* 5. How were Jesus, the dove, and the voice all related in Jesus’ baptism? (3:21-22)
6. To whom did the voice from heaven speak during Jesus’ baptism? (3:22)
- \* 7. What did the voice from heaven actually say about Jesus? (3:22)
- \* 8. What was Jesus doing when the Holy Spirit descended on Him? (3:22)
9. When did Jesus start His ministry? (3:23)
10. How old was Jesus when He started His ministry? (3:23)
11. Whose ancestors did Luke list? Why? (3:23)
12. In what way could Joseph’s ancestors be called Jesus’ genealogy, even though Joseph was not Jesus’ father? (3:23)
13. Which of the names in the genealogy are the most famous? (3:23-38)
14. How far back in time did Luke trace the genealogy of Jesus? (3:23-38)

### Get It

15. What about Luke’s description of Jesus’ baptism leads us to think of God in terms of three persons—the Trinity?
16. Since Jesus was sinless, what made His baptism necessary?
17. How does Jesus’ baptism demonstrate His willingness to identify with our human condition?
18. What does it mean that God publicly claimed Jesus as His Son?
- \* 19. In what ways were the events during Jesus’ baptism a commissioning ceremony for Him?
- \* 20. What does it mean for someone to call his or her way of life a ministry?
21. How are repentance, baptism, forgiveness, prayer, the Holy Spirit’s presence, and God’s blessing all important in the life of a Christian?

### Apply It

- \* 22. In what kinds of ways can you be a minister of God to others this week?
23. To whom can you express support for his or her public ministry this week?