

Luke 3

Luke 3.1-6

V1 – Notice how carefully Luke sets the background for this passage

-**Does v 1 indicate that Luke was Jewish or Gentile?** Gentile

-According to historians, the date would have been 26-27 A.D. (*Beacon Bible Commentary, Luke*, p. 460)

V2 – Two high priests: Annas and Caiaphas

-**Where was John the Baptist when he began his ministry?** The wilderness

V3 – **What message did he preach?** A baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins

-**Is this different from baptism today?** No, except that it was not valid after *Acts 2.38* (see *Acts 19.1-7*)

V4 – **The message of Isaiah?** A forerunner was coming

V5-6 – **What would this forerunner do?** Prepare the way (like an "advance man" today for a political candidate)

-**Explain v 6:** Salvation would be available for all people

Luke 3:7-14

V7 – *Matt. 3.7* refers to the Pharisees and Sadducees

-Luke just calls them "the multitudes"

-**Why?** Luke was writing for Gentiles (they would not have understood these terms)

-**What was John the Baptist preaching to the crowds?** The wrath of God was coming

V8 – **The message?** They had to bear the fruits of repentance

-**Meaning?** The results of repentance had to show in their lives

-In the question of adultery today, people must get out of that relationship (the fruits of repentance)

-**What did the Jews like to say?** "Abraham is our father"

-**What answer did John give to that statement?** God can raise up children from stones, if he wants to

V9 – A frightening passage

-**What would a tree think when someone has an axe at its root?**

-**What will be cut down?** All trees which do not bear fruit

-**Explain the meaning of this verse:**

V10 – **What did the people want to know?** What did they have to do?

V11 – **The answer?**

-Concerning a man with two coats, he should share with a man with no coat

-Concerning a man with food, he is to share to with one who has no food

V 12-13 – **The tax-collectors?** They should not collect more than what is due

V 14 – **The soldiers?** They were not to take money by force

-**Theme:** It is not good enough any more just to be Jewish – they had to live righteous lives

Luke 3.15-17

V 15 – **What were the people wondering?** If John the Baptist was the Messiah

V 16 – Notice that John was not egotistical

-**John's answer?** I am not worthy to untie his shoes

-**What would Jesus do?** Baptize with the Holy Spirit (on the Day of Pentecost and on the family of Cornelius – *Acts 10.44*) and with fire (in the Day of Judgment)

V 17 – The animals trample the wheat and separate the wheat from the chaff

-**What would Jesus do?** The same thing in a spiritual sense

Luke 3.18-20

V 18 – John the Baptist preached many other things

V 19 – **Why did John preach against Herod?** Herod was married to his brother's wife Herodias (they were living in adultery)

-**Why did Luke include this?** To explain later why John was killed

V 20 – **What other wicked thing did Herod do?** Put John in prison

Luke 3.21-22

V 21 – **Why was Jesus baptized (if he had not committed any sins)?** *Matt. 3.15* – To fulfill all righteousness (to set the right example)

V 22 – **How was the Holy Spirit represented?** As a dove

-**The message from God the Father?** Jesus was his son

Luke 3.23-38

This seems to be the genealogy of Mary (Joseph's is in *Matt. 1*)

-**What names are familiar?**

-Notice that Matthew went back to Abraham

-**Why did Luke go back to Adam?** Because the book of *Luke* was for the Gentiles