

*“When all the people were baptized, it came to pass that Jesus also was baptized; and while He prayed, the heaven was opened. And the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove upon Him, and a voice came from heaven which said, ‘You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased.’” - Luke 3:21-22*

**Overview:**

Eighteen years have passed since Luke 2:52 and Luke 3:21 and Jesus is now starting His earthly ministry. Here we see in this passage the Trinity. Jesus is baptized, the Holy Spirit descending upon Jesus, and God the Father speaks from heaven. It is also interesting to notice that before ministry to others, we must receive the Holy Spirit. It is the Holy Spirit that leads us in ministry and empowers us for ministry.

The genealogy that Luke gives us is the genealogy of Mary thru King David to Adam, the son of God. It connects what God said about Jesus in Luke 3:22, “You are My beloved Son”.

In 1 John 2:16, John gives us three categories of sin. The lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life. Satan uses these three areas to try to trip a child of God and make him stumble. Here Luke describes the three temptations of Christ and we see each one fits into one of these categories. Jesus answers each of these temptations with a passage of scripture. We need to be men and women of the word of God and we need to be filled with the Holy Spirit so we can stand against the lies of Satan. Satan is not going to be defeated by human wisdom and philosophies of men.

**References:**

“For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.” – Hebrews 4:15

**Luke 3:21** – Context (Luke 3:2, 7)

**Luke 3:21** – Why was Jesus baptized? (Matthew 3:13-15)

**Luke 3:22** – Voice from heaven (Matthew 17:5, John 12:27-32)

**Luke 3:24-28** – Connects with what God said about Jesus (Luke 3:22)

**Luke 3:38** – Seth (Genesis 3:15) – God His true Father (Luke 3:23)

**Luke 4:1-13** – Led by the Spirit thru the Word (Deuteronomy 4:1-15, 1 John 2:16)

**Luke 4:2** – Being tempted (Hebrews 2:18)

**Luke 4:3** – Since you have the power, why not use it? (1 Corinthians 6:12)

**Luke 4:4** – Jesus' answer (Deuteronomy 8:3)

**Luke 4:4** – My physical needs must be submitted to God (Matthew 6:31-34, Romans 13:14)

**Luke 4:6** – True of Satan for now (John 12:31, 2 Corinthians 4:4, Ephesians 2:2)

**Luke 4:8** – Jesus' answer (Deuteronomy 6:13)

**Luke 4:10-11** – Satan uses scripture but leaves out a section (Psalm 91:11-12)

**Luke 4:10-11** – The temptation “This is a better way to usher in your kingdom” (Malachi 3:1)

**Luke 4:12** – Jesus' answer (Deuteronomy 6:16)

**Luke 4:12** – Jesus would not tempt His Father like Satan is doing and like Israel did (Exodus 17:7)

**Luke 4:13** – Every temptation (1 Corinthians 10:13)

**Questions:**

\* Why was Jesus baptized by John if Jesus never sinned?

\* Why did the Holy Spirit lead Jesus into the wilderness?

\* Has there been a wilderness time in your life?

\* What did the Holy Spirit teach you during this time?

**Additional Study:**

**Luke 3:22**

\* Beloved (*agapetos*) – one and only one in a class of one, one of a kind

**Luke 4:1**

\* Filled (*pleres*) – filled up, complete, lacking nothing

**Luke 4:2**

\* Being tempted (*periazō*) – to try, make trial of, test

**Luke 4:5**

\* Showed (*deiknumi*) – point out, reveal, make known

**Luke 4:9**

\* Pinnacle (*pterugion*) SE corner of the temple precincts, 300 feet above the Kidron Valley

**Luke 4:13**

\* Opportune (*kairos*) – a measure of time