



Week 3

Sermon Series: Light Dawns Darkness Trembles

Sermon Title: God's Inconceivable Plan

Sermon Text: Luke 3:21-28

Group Week of: June 11, 2023

Sermon Date: June 18, 2023

Scriptures for Additional Daily Studies	
Day 1	Baptism Reason – Matthew 3:13-17
Day 2	Spirit's Anointing – Isaiah 61:1-3
Day 3	The LORD's Servant – Isaiah 42:1-4
Day 4	The LORD's Son – Psalm 2:1-12
Day 5	Matthew's Genealogy – Matthew 1:1-17

The Text:

- 1) **Read** the text slowly and carefully.
- 2) **Pray** for understanding, insight, and transformation.
- 3) **Observe Everything.** Use pens and highlighters to mark the text. Come up with your own system of symbols, underlines, arrows, highlights, and notes, that will *help you understand and apply*. Only do what is helpful.
- 4) **Answer** the interpretive questions at the bottom.

²¹ When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened ²² and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

²³ Now Jesus himself was about thirty years old when he began his ministry. He was the son, so it was thought, of Joseph, the son of Heli...

(v24-37 - Please read the other names in your Bibles and consider why Luke would include this genealogy)

³⁸ the son of Enosh,

the son of Seth, the son of Adam,

the son of God.

Textual Questions

- 1) What is (are) the main lesson (lessons) that you see God teaching through Luke in this passage?
- 2) What does God the Father's statement at Jesus' baptism teach us about Jesus?
- 3) What does Luke teach the reader by tracing Jesus' lineage all the way to Adam?

Discussion Guide Questions

- 1) The baptism of Jesus is one of the most interesting aspects of his earthly ministry. This is because John's baptism was a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. Because we know Jesus was sinless, this is a very strange event to participate in. Read Matthew 3:13-17 and discuss with your group what the significance of Jesus' baptism truly was.

- 2) All true Christians will try to please their heavenly Father. This, however, is not an easy thing to do. What are some of the reasons it is difficult to please your heavenly Father? Write out at least three below.

- 3) Jesus never failed to please the Father. Not only because He was His Father's beloved Son, but also because He always fulfilled the Father's will. What, for you, is the hardest part about trying to discern and accomplish the Father's will?

- 4) If Christ is in you, then the One, who perfectly fulfilled the Father's will, is now alive and working in your heart. How can you grow in depending on Christ to help you know and accomplish the Father's will?

- 5) Jesus' genealogy is an incredible thing for us to meditate upon. Read through the list, and try to see if you recognize any names. Write down any reflections you have as you read through Jesus' genealogy below and share them with your life group.

- 6) In Jesus' genealogy, there are several key people who were promised a "son"—David (2 Samuel 7:1-17), Abraham (Genesis 12:2-7 & Genesis 22:17-18), and Adam (Genesis 3:14-15). Please read through those passages. When we consider God's promises to these people and Luke's genealogy all the way back to Adam, what does it now mean that Christ is the true "Son of God?"

- 7) Genealogy is often a genre of Scripture that many of us will gloss right over. But if we will study it, it will teach us not only of man's failures, but also of God's faithfulness. Thinking through your life, what are some of the key events that, like a genealogy, are pictures of your failures and God's faithfulness? If you are willing, share some of these with your group and end your time with thanksgiving to God for His faithfulness.