

# Daily Devotional



David Welsh | “Be \_\_\_\_\_” Part 4 | Jan. 30 . 31 | Luke 3:21-38

## ■ day one { genealogies: Luke 3:23-38; Matthew 1:1-16 }

**Which of your ancestors would you most like to meet?** Why would that be important to you? Why do you think it was important to include Jesus’ ancestors in the Biblical account? Read today’s passages. What differences do you notice? Why do we have two different, yet similar, genealogies? What do you notice in the two genealogies about David’s sons? The main importance of all biblical genealogies was that they formed the authentic records of the continuing fulfillment of God’s ancient promises through a particular line and through a particular people. Once Christ was born the only family line that God recognizes has its direct source in Christ. Do you know for sure that you are in the line of Christ?

## ■ day two { submission: Luke 3:21-22 }

**If you have been baptized, what did that mean to you?** Was it just a ceremony? Was it an act of obedience because the church required it? Or was it an act of obedience to God? If you have not been baptized, does it not seem an important thing to do? Think about the significance of the symbolism of death, burial and resurrection in baptism. How does that relate to Jesus? How does that relate to you? How did Jesus’ baptism indicate His submission to God? How does our baptism indicate our submission to God? Read Hebrews 5:7-9)

## ■ day three { Messiah: Luke 3:21-22 }

**How can Jesus being the Messiah make a change in people’s lives?** What evidence do we have in this passage that Jesus was the Messiah? Why do you think Jesus chose this time and place to reveal Himself? Where do you see evidence of the Trinity in this passage? How does this passage convince you that Jesus is indeed the Son of God? Has that changed your life and purpose? Something to think about: Is God pleased with you as His child?

## ■ day four { ministry: Luke 3:21-22 }

**How do you know if you have been called by God to a particular ministry?** Can you list any evidences that someone has been called to ministry? Why do you think Jesus chose this time and method to begin His ministry? In what ways were the events during Jesus' baptism a commissioning ceremony for Him? Can you think of what might have been your "commissioning ceremony"?

## ■ day five { identification & example: Luke 3:21-22 }

**How do you thank someone for paying your debts? Do you feel obligated or grateful?** Jesus Christ paid our debt – a debt we cannot repay except by our obedience in following Him. Since Jesus was sinless, and baptism was a sign of repentance, why did Jesus ask to be baptized? How did Jesus' baptism demonstrate His willingness to identify with our human condition? How does His identification with our human frailty speak of Him as our Messiah? (Read Hebrews 4:15-16).

## ■ a word from the writers

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