

Study of Luke Ch. 3

Looking Back

Opening

Pray. *You start off with prayer. Ask for God to be in your conversation and to increase faith through this time.*

If you could teleport between here and one other place anytime you wanted, where would you teleport? Why?

What do you know about your heritage? (Ethnic background, related to famous people, legacies of past family, problems, patterns, or disease passed down, features like hair, skin, eyes, etc., family traditions, etc.)

Study

Today we are going to read and talk about something super boring. Most people skip right over this section and dismiss it as important. For many people, it is unimportant. However, God placed this in scripture for a reason. Open your mind. Be willing to listen, ask questions, and ponder. If it is still unimportant to you, I won't make you read it again. We are going to read through Jesus' genealogy! Saweeet! Right?! In all seriousness, we will hear about a few important reasons to know about Jesus' genealogy and maybe, along the way, you might enjoy something from God's Word, or at least learn something. Let's get started.

What is a genealogy? What can you learn from them? Why are they important? Does anyone have one? What do you know about it?

What does looking at Jesus genealogy tell us? Why would God place this in scripture?

Read [Luke 3:23-38](#). What names do you recognize in all of these names?

Let's take a closer look at some of these names. There are many names listed in Jesus' paternal genealogy. Many we don't know much about other than they were believers in God and His faithfulness to fulfill His promise of the savior. This is a reminder to us that faith occurs in the common and unknown lives of the majority. Those we will look specifically at have been given a role to point out God's faithfulness.

Ready? We're going to work backward for the sake of clarity.

Look at verse 38. Why does Luke start with God? Next, we see Adam whom we know God created and also was half the team to bring sin into the world.

Who is Seth? Read [Genesis 4:25-26](#).

We don't hear anything special about Enos, Cainan, Mahalaleel, and Jared other than they were men of God and a continuation of a line of a family. Then we pause on the name Enoch. [Reach Genesis 5:21-24](#) and [Hebrews 11:5](#).

What do we learn about Enoch? Why is this important?

The next known name is Methuselah. What do you know about Methuselah? Read [Genesis 5:25-26](#).

After Adam, Noah is probably the next well-known person. What do you know about Noah? Read [Genesis 6:9-13](#). What questions do you have about Noah and his time?

Noah has three sons. Ham, Shem, and Japheth. Ham was the father of the African and Middle East nations. Japheth was the father of the European and Mediterranean nations. Shem fathered the nations in the Middle East and into Asia. Shem was the son that carried on the promise of a savior after the flood. Shem fathered Arphaxad, Cainan, Shelah, Eber, Peleg, Reu, Serug, Nahor, and Terah. During this time, people repopulated the earth and the Tower of Babel occurred. These men of God carried on the promise of the savior through these quiet repopulation years. The next series of names are more well known as God began preparing for Jesus to come.

What do you know about Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob? Read [Hebrews 11:8-22](#).

Judah is one of the sons of Jacob. Where have you heard the name, Judah?

In verse 32, we come across the name of Boaz. Who is Boaz? Read [Ruth 4:6](#).

Boaz was also the great grandfather of David. What do you know about David? Read [John 7:42](#).

The rest of the names in Joseph's lineage are not people we know anything about other than they are common men whom God used to carry on the heritage of faith and the promise of the savior.

Mark of a Disciple: Study God's Word

Sometimes God's Word may not seem very interesting or exciting. Today's lesson is one of those moments where it doesn't seem very important or that we could learn anything from it. Read [2 Timothy 3:16-17](#).

Did you catch that? All Scripture. Even the places we want to glaze over with boredom. Learning from places like this requires us to stop and listen. To ask questions. Maybe even look for resources. Places like this challenge us to really study God's Word and not settle for simple surface answers.

How are you studying God's Word? You might look for tools to help you dive deeper into God's Word. Tools like regular Bible study with other believers. Commentaries. Study Bibles. Comparing translations of the Bible. Bible atlases or dictionaries. These are all easy to use tools to help you search and know God's Word. Here are a few online for you to use.

Biblegateway.com - There is an app. There are concordances, commentaries, audio Bible, and multiple translations.

Biblestudytools.com - There are concordances, commentaries, parallel Bibles, atlas, dictionaries, audio Bible, encyclopedias, and more!

BlueletterBible.com and Biblehub.com - There is an app. You can read or listen to different translations. Topical Search.

Youversion Bible app - Read or listen to the Bible. Devotions. Videos. Prayer journals. Sharing with friends.

My challenge to you this week is to either try one of these tools or use a physical resource you might have at home like a study Bible. Use it to help you read a section in scripture this week. Grow your ability to know God's Word on your own.

What are you going to do and how are you going to commit?

Prayer Time

Take prayer requests. Have everyone write them down so that each day you may pray for one another. Then, pray for each other before you close.

Are there any fears or concerns around the pandemic? Please be sensitive to each other and listen. Respond with encouragement from God's Word.