

# THE GOSPEL OF LUKE



*glimpses  
of glory*

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## Who is This Man? Luke 3:23-38

In anticipation for all that Jesus would say and do, Luke clarifies his identity.

1. So far, we have seen some remarkable events surrounding the birth of Jesus.
  - a. Gabriel's words to Mary regarding Jesus
  - b. Elizabeth's confirmation
  - c. The joy surrounding both John's and Jesus' birth
  - d. The angels singing and proclaiming his birth
2. These remarkable events will continue with a wider influence and audience.
  - a. Miraculous events (food, healings, walking on water, etc.)
  - b. Incredible claims
  - c. "Outrageous" instruction

Jesus' genealogy forces us to contemplate on who he is.

1. As Jesus begins his earthly ministry, his identity becomes more obvious and pronounced.

*Luke 3:23* Jesus, when he began his ministry, was about thirty years of age, being the son (as was supposed) of Joseph,

*Luke 4:17* And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written, 18 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, 19 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." 20 And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. 21 And he began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."
2. Jesus' physical and spiritual development culminates with his readiness to begin his work.

*Luke 3:23* Jesus, when he began his ministry, was about thirty years of age, being the son (as was supposed) of Joseph,

  - a. Remember, Jesus matured naturally in his physical and spiritual development.

*Luke 2:40* And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him...52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.
  - b. Yet, his deity was not diminished in any way.

*Luke 1:32* He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, 33 and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

**Luke 1:42** and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! **43** And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me?"

**Luke 2:11** For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

**Luke 2:30** for my eyes have seen your salvation **31** that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, **32** a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel."

3. Though fully human, Jesus is also fully God – therefore fully qualified to accomplish the work he was sent to do.

**Luke 3:23** Jesus, when he began his ministry, was about thirty years of age, being the son (as was supposed) of Joseph.

**Luke 1:35** And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God.

"If God had sent a man to us, as he had sent the prophets to Israel, we would have been grateful. If he had sent an angel, as he did to Mary, at the annunciation, we would have counted it a great privilege. Yet, in either case he would have sent us a third party, since men and angels are creatures of his own making. But in sending his own Son, eternally begotten from his own Being, he was not sending a creature, a third party, but giving himself. The logic of this is inescapable. How could the Father's love have been demonstrated if he had sent somebody else to us? No, since love is in its essence self-giving, then if God's love was seen in giving the Son, he must thereby have been giving himself." – John Stott

**2Cor. 5:18** All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; **19** that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

## Reflection & Discussion

1. Read through John Stott's quote. What's your emotional response to the truth of God's personal entrance into history on your behalf?
2. As we grow in our biblical understanding of who Jesus is, we are forced to answer the question, "What do I do with this information?". How does Jesus' identity influence the way you think, talk, and act? Think in terms of what Jesus reveals to us about God (love, compassion, judgment, power, etc.). Read 2 Corinthians 5:1-21 and REJOICE!

## SONGS

"WE PRAISE YOU"

"ONLY A HOLY GOD"

"REIGN ABOVE IT ALL"

"GOODNESS OF GOD"

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## BUDGET

GIVING LAST WEEK: \$ 23,474.64  
WEEKLY NEED: \$ 36,985.00

Y-T-D GIVING: \$ 96,876.53  
Y-T-D GENERAL NEED: \$ 147,940.00

ALTAMONT CAMPUS EXPANSION FUND:  
(As of Last Deposit-1/10) \$ 50,586.00

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