

First Southern Baptist Church - 10-20-21
John the Baptist/ Genealogy - Luke 3:1-22

I. John The Baptist (1-22)

1. A Voice (1-6)

A. Prophet - of the Messiah

-oft announced

-He's here!

B. Wilderness

Contrast Jesus in home with John the wilderness

Not:

-soft, clean, polished, sophisticated

-ate locusts and wild honey

C. But, he had the Word of God

-where would you go to get the Word today?

-schools, seminaries? -large churches?

A preacher or a messenger?

2. A Preacher (7-14)

A. It's time!

-now is the age, now or never

-message is here!

Behold, now is the appointed time!

B. Real repentance:

For people (10)

Publicans (12)

Soldiers (14)

Why did they ask? - bring fruits

C. Real repentance:

-sincere (used to church games)

-knew how easy to sign a card

-individual (10ff)

-necessary (6) - for all no matter who

-required they show fruit

-necessary to avoid the wrath to come

-preparation, separation

-humble

-proselyte baptism

-Pharisees/ Sadducees

"Born Again" - term for proselytes

3. His Place (15-18) - John knew his place

A. I am not worthy to unlatch

-accolades

-get confused

-you're doing great

- not me - Jesus
- B. It's all about Jesus
 - humbling for us
 - bold witness
 - He will!

4. His End (20)

- A. As quickly as it begins - its over... like a shooting star
 - B. Prison
 - the proper end for a man of God?
 - He obeyed! He was strong!
 - C. Big picture - a small role
 - a hand-off role
 - he faded... Jesus burned brightly
- His end was Jesus beginning!

II. Problems with the Genealogy/ Genealogies - Matthew's genealogy and that of Luke differ

1. Found in a different part of the gospel from Matthew
 - Luke at chapter 3
 - Matthew at chapter 1
 - Why?
 - For Matthew - the idea is to prove Jesus is the Messiah, King, fulfillment of prophecy -who He was
 - For Luke - the idea is to throw light on the ministry of Christ -what He did
2. Matthew follows the order of decent; - Abraham begat...
 - Luke ascends the family line from son to father - Jesus was the son of Joseph, the son of ...
 - Why?
 - Matthew follows the official record
 - Luke is a private document
3. The names of Matthew's account differ from those on Luke's account.
 - Why?
 - Matthew traces the order of royal descent
 - Luke traces the actual line of descent
4. Matthew begins with Abraham, Luke begins with Adam
 - Why?
 - Matthew shows Jesus to be a Jew, the true son of Abraham
 - Luke reminds us that Jesus belongs to the whole human race
 - Matthew and Luke have two different purposes...goals
 - Matthew - trace the lineage to prove that Jesus is King of Kings... heir of the throne of David - the eternal King
 - Luke - trace the lineage to God Himself... God is His father
 - *Can both be true?

III. What is the significance of the Genealogy?

1. Why follow genealogy?
 - A. We follow genealogy today:
 - to show us who we are
 - to show us where we've come from
 - the entertainment value - interesting and amusing
 - B. The Jews follow genealogy
 - for the Jews ancestry was important
 - Matthew is a great example (Matthew 1:1ff)
 - land went with the family - Jubilee Year
 - promises/ blessing went with the family name
 - to trace back and prove that one is a Jew - with credentials
 - C. For inheritance claims
 - that land is mine, or it belongs to my family
 - D. For rank
 - example, kings give birth to kings - the right to be the king
 - E. For pride
 - who we're "related to" - the family connection
 - F. Heretics used genealogy - 1 Tim. 1:4 to show they were someone special
 - the Greeks found a link to the gods and goddesses
 - more often than not adorned with fables. Stories of exploits.
2. For us a genealogy is different - a family tree, to show aunts and uncles and cousins
 - for them to determine who was their ancestor - someone important

IV. What is Luke Doing with His Genealogy?

1. Remember Luke is a historian
 - Jesus' birth - Luke 2:1ff
 - John's ministry began - Luke 3: 3ff
 - stated effort to recount things "in order" - Luke 1:1-4
2. Luke is relating Jesus to God Himself
 - descent from God
 - Luke 3:23 - "so it was thought" - everyone thought it - but Luke traces back to the real father of Jesus - God
 - Matthew traces Jesus as a Jew - all our covenant is fulfilled
 - Luke looks bigger than that - all about God's work with humanity
3. Consistent line of activity - God is moving across history
 - relating Him to God shows God's continuous work, His unfolding work
 - here you get a view of the big work/ not the small things
4. The bridge
 - Luke's genealogy bridges across the Old Testament
 - Luke's genealogy bridges across to God
 - These genealogies are not concerned with uncles, and aunts...but the line of descent. It's the connection that is important.
5. In Luke - Jesus is every sense a man
 - He is a man among men... what man was meant to be from the beginning
 - but without a dad - God is His dad
 - He entered the stream of humanity... right along with others - yet without sin

- how do you do that? Virgin birth... and God as your father
- 6. Matthew says:
 - He's the son of a King = David
 - He's the son of our father = Abraham
 - With all rights and privileges
- Luke says:
 - He's the brother of humanity
 - He's the son of God
 - So, a new Adam, a new humanity
 - Like Adam, a second Adam -a universal figure
- 7. If, God is His father...
 - then, He is divine
 - then, this is consistent with the virgin birth
 - then, He belongs to all (not just the Jews)
- 8. In context:
 - John declares Him to be Messiah -3:16-17
 - declared by a voice from heaven - 3:21-22
 - declared by birth - 3:23-38
 - prepared for ministry by temptations - 4:1-13
 - declared the word - 4:14-15

V. Other:

1. At 30 (3:23)
 - a priest entered the ministry - Num. 4:3
 - Joseph was 30 when he began to serve the king - Gen. 41:46
 - David was 30 when he began to reign - 2 Sam. 5:4
2. What does this tracing of the genealogy back to Adam do to the theory of Evolution?
 - What does that mean about the reality of Adam as a person?
 - some see Adam as a mythical character, as they do Noah -so are they real?
 - if Adam is mythical, then how many of these others are mythical?