

The Gospel of Luke - Lesson 6

Luke 3; 21-38; Luke 4:1-13

Introduction and Background

In this passage we discover Jesus' family tree, including some of His famous ancestors from the Old Testament. The list of ancestors goes back for many generations, all the way to Adam. We also learn about how old He was when he began His public ministry. In addition, the 4th chapter of Luke tells us the story of how Jesus was challenged by Satan in the desert before He started to preach and perform miracles.

Warm Up

Who are you descended from? How many generations back can you go? How do you think it would be possible for Jewish people to know their ancestors for so many generations?

The Ancestors of Jesus

In [Luke chapter 3:23-38](#) we read about Jesus' family tree.

1. Do you recognize any names in Jesus' list of ancestors?
2. How old was Jesus when He began His public ministry?
3. Which famous king was Jesus descended from in verse 32?
4. Which famous man of faith was Jesus descended from in verse 34?

Read [Luke 4:1-13](#)

5. What two things do you learn about Jesus' relationship with the Holy Spirit in verse 1?
6. Where did Jesus go? Why do you think He went there? How long was He there?
7. Do you think it is possible for a person to survive so long without food?
8. What does the devil try to get Jesus to do, and how does Jesus respond? (verses 3-4)
9. What does the devil try to get Jesus to do, and how does Jesus respond? (verses 5-8)
10. What does the devil try to get Jesus to do, and how does Jesus respond? (verses 9-11)
11. Do you see a relationship between these 3 sections and what Jesus says in verse 12?
12. What does the devil do next? (verse 13)
13. Why do you think Jesus refused when the devil offered Him all the kingdoms of the world? What would you do?
14. Why do you think that Jesus chose to fast for so long?

Read [James 4:7](#)

15. What advice are followers of Jesus given in this verse? Do you think this is possible?

Chat about these words from the passage:

Ministry/tempted/wilderness/scriptures/revealed/kingdoms/authority/worship/guard/

True or False:

- a) Jesus was about 33 years old when He began His public ministry.

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- b) Jesus did not eat or drink for 40 days.
- c) The devil showed Jesus all the kingdoms of the world.
- d) The devil too Jesus to the highest point of the temple and told Him to jump.
- e) The Holy Spirit was not with Jesus in the wilderness.
- f) Jesus said that man cannot live on bread alone.
- g) The devil tried to get Jesus to worship him.
- h) Jesus is descended from King David.

For Discussion:

Why do you think this story is included in the Bible? What do you think you learned about Jesus?

True or False:

Notes:

For Further Reading:

[How Long Can a Person Survive Without Food?](#)

[Why Did Jesus Need to be Tempted?](#)