

LUKE 3:23-38 *Jesus is Man*

INTRODUCTION

At the beginning of Jesus' ministry, doctor Luke traces Jesus' relatives all the way back to Adam showing that, even though Jesus is God, He is also a human being like you and me. It also shows that Jesus is the one God promised long, long ago to save people from their sins. Salvation was God's idea from the very beginning, and the genealogy in Luke is evidence that God keeps His promises.

DISCUSSION

Where did you come from? What's your family history?

EXPLANATION

- Read through the list of names. Which names sound familiar to you? *Adam, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, David.*
- What do you know about some of these men? *God made promises to all of them that He would send a Savior.*
- Why does Luke go all the way back to the first man, Adam? *To show that Jesus represents all people.*
- What does it mean that Jesus was "the son (as was supposed) of Joseph"? *Joseph was Jesus' legal, but not natural father. It shows that Mary was a virgin when she gave birth to Jesus.*
- How old was Jesus when He started His ministry? *30 years old.*

APPLICATION

From Adam to Abraham, Isaac to Jacob, David to Jesus, and all those in between, God carefully unfolded His plan of salvation. The man Jesus is the very center of human history, and represents all human beings. The hope of salvation for all mankind is found in Jesus. How did you learn about Jesus? Who told the person who told you? How far back can you go? How is God using you to share the hope of Jesus with others? How far forward do you think that will continue in the future? Your children? Your grandchildren, your great-grandchildren? Where have you seen God at work in your family as you learn about Jesus together?

Memory VERSE

1 Timothy 2:5 – "For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus."