

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

- 1) 06 Dec 2020 Luke 1:1-25 Planned
- 2) 13 Dec Luke 1:26-80 Conceived
- 3) 20 Dec Luke 2:1-19 Proclaimed
- 4) 27 Dec Luke 2:20-40 Anticipated
- 5) 03 Jan 2021 Luke 2:41-52 Matured
- 6) 10 Jan **Luke 3:1-38** **Prepared**
- 7) 17 Jan Luke 6:27-49 Compassionate
- 8) 24 Jan Luke 4:1-44 Rejected
- 9) 31 Jan Luke 5:1-16; 27-39 Followed
- 10) 07 Feb Luke 5:17-26 Forgives
- 11) 14 Feb Luke 6:1-26 Reigns
- 12) 21 Feb Luke 7:1-50 Loved
- 13) 28 Feb Luke 9:1-62 Unashamed

INTRODUCTION

- We are introduced to John the Baptist (JTB) and some great counseling from him, and we see the lineage of Jesus on Mary's side.

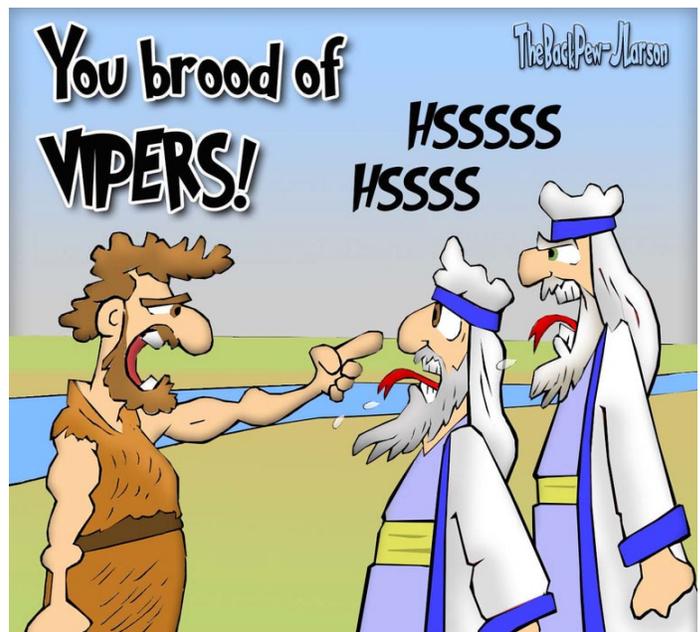
Passage	Comments
Luke 3:1-9	<p>Crying in the Wilderness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Luke accurately lists several historical figures (Herod & his brother Philip, Tiberius Caesar, High Priests Annas and Caiaphas, and P. Pilate), their territories, and their joint reigns (TC's 15th yr), making Luke a credible historian on par with Josephus, Tacitus, and Eusebius • v3. Baptism of Repentance by JTB was temporary and prepared his listeners for the coming Messiah <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Many Jews got the message loud & clear ♦ They either accepted or recommitted themselves to the Lord and got baptized as a testimony • vv7-9. "You brood of vipers..." <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Did he tell the truth in love? Who was it aimed at and why? What impact did it have? Can we be that blunt? ♦ v8. If they repented, what would their fruit look like?
3:10-14	<p>Be ready to give an answer/counsel to those who ask!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • vv10-14. "What shall we do?" → Share, don't steal, be content – are all works indicative of a changed heart <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Noticed John was prepared to give correct counsel ♦ What would have happened to the multitudes if John had said, "Go home & pray about it" or "Wait on God" or just "Follow the leading of the Spirit"? - More than likely, such inadequate responses would not have paved the way for the Lord effectively • Know this. Per 2Cor 5:18, each of us has the "ministry of reconciliation" which means we need to know how to lead someone to Christ and give them timely and accurate counsel when they ask. If we can't do it, then learn to do it. It's simple – Read & study the Bible frequently <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ How will I know I am ready? Like JTB, when those who fear God are glad to see you and they turn to you for answers Ps 119:74, 79
Counseling That for the Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st Rule of Counseling – We can only help those who truly want help • 2nd Rule of Counseling – People don't seek help till they are sick and tired of being sick and tired
3:15-18	<p>Baptism of Repentance vs Baptism of the Holy Spirit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • vv16-17. John's Baptism of Repentance vs Jesus' Baptism with the Holy Spirit and Fire <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ The Fire is indicative of man's final judgment ♦ ...and possibly indicative of the Tongues of Fire that alighted on the disciples on the day of Pentecost – a onetime occurrence Acts 2:1-4 ♦ Baptism of the Holy Spirit for each believer occurs at the moment of belief when they are saved, sealed, & forgiven forever – a onetime occurrence.. Eph 1:13 ♦ Baptism by water for each believer is a bold public testimony of what occurred internally for all eternity – another onetime occurrence (usually)

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3:19-20	<p>John's Imprisonment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • vv19-20. JTB was jailed & eventually executed for telling 2 non-believers their marriage was invalid and reproving Herod for a host of other "wicked things" he had done <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Did JTB lose his head needlessly, or should marriages be taken more seriously? ♦ When is it appropriate to challenge political leaders for inappropriate behavior? You can do it anytime. Just be aware consequences could be severe. ♦ Christians are to contend with evil (Prov 28:4) and contend earnestly for the faith (Jude 1:3), but the cost could be high → imprisonment/martyrdom
3:21-22	<p>The Baptism of Jesus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Since Jesus was sinless, why did He get baptized? • Again, water baptism is a very powerful testimony to the church and to the world of who we belong to • Many Muslims and pagans who get baptized as a Christian lose their jobs, family, and even their lives
Baptism That for the Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If Christ was courageous enough to hang naked on the cross in front of men, women, & children then we should be courageous enough to get wet for Him. "If we are ashamed of Him, He will be ashamed of us" .. Luke 9:26
3:23-38	<p>The Genealogy of Jesus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matthew lists Joseph's lineage through Solomon, making Jesus the legal heir to the throne of David • Luke apparently gives the lineage of Mary, making Jesus the physical heir to the throne of David through Nathan, one of David's other sons

CONCLUSION / APPLICATIONS

- Serving God may be easy for some, deadly for others, but serve we must. Serving includes being outspoken with our faith, giving timely and accurate counsel, and even rebuke. Do it well and prayerfully.

NEXT WEEK: Luke 6:27-49. Jesus makes many radical sayings – Love your enemies; Give to everyone who asks; Lend expecting nothing in return; Pluck out your eyes; and Cut off your limbs. We must realize Jesus made many radical statements to highlight spiritual truths.



Caption? How to Make Friends and Influence People?
 Or: Speaking the Truth in Love?
 Or: How to Minister Grace to the Hearers?
 Or: Sometimes You Have to Call the Baby Ugly