

Series: The Gospel of Luke

Sermon: Qualified Messiah

**Passage: Luke 3:23-4:16 (ESV)**

Illustration:

Need: Jesus was approved and endorsed by heaven and was then proven to be qualified to be Messiah and Savior.

### **I. Qualified Pedigree (3:23-38)**

- Differences between Luke's & Matthew's genealogies:
  1. Different location. Matthew opens with his. Luke's comes after Jesus' baptism.
  2. Different order. Matthew moves from past to present. Luke goes from present to past.
  3. Different length. Matthew extends to Abraham. Luke follows back to Adam.
  4. Different listings. Matthew traces Jesus through Solomon, Luke through Nathan. Both sons of David. (Matthew likely follows the legal line through Joseph while Luke focuses on the royal line through Mary)
- Jesus meets the OT genealogical qualifications of Messiah.
- Luke seems to show that Jesus, also a descendent of Adam, is connected to and Messiah for all mankind.
- **Practical Observation:** Even Jesus had good stuff and bad stuff in his family history. Those things are a part of our story but they don't define us.

### **II. Qualified Purity (4:1-15)**

- Like the first Adam, Jesus also faces Satan in an environment exactly opposite from the Garden of Eden.
- Temptation #1 (God's Provision) Provide for yourself, God is taking too long.
  - Deut. 8:3 - Life is not about earthy provisions, but obedience to God.
- Temptation #2 (God's Plan) - There's an easier way, God's way is too hard and unnecessary.
  - Deut. 6:13 - God alone is to be worshiped and served.
- Temptation #3 (God's Ability) - If God is really for you He will work this out for you.
  - Psalms 91:11-12 - Satan quotes scripture to "prove" is point.
  - Deut. 6:16 - God is not to be put to the test but trusted completely.
- Jesus emerges as the pure and holy Son, qualified as a righteous and holy Messiah.
- **Practical Instructions:**
  1. Temptations always sound good and make sense to you.
  2. Temptations are usually about making your own way (shortcuts) apart from God's way.
  3. Temptations can be resisted through God's Word and by God's Spirit.