

# “Son of God / Son of Man”

New Hope Community Church

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# Life Group Meeting

Luke 3:21-38

## A. Jesus, Son of God — Testified By the Father (21,22)

1. ‘when all the people were baptized, Jesus was also baptized’
  - Unlike the rest, Jesus had no need of **personal** repentance
  - He was baptized as a representative of Adam’s race to **identify** with a people who desperately needed to repent
  - At the cross He would take on Himself the sins of the **world**
2. ‘while He was praying’
  - Jesus was **continually** seeking the will of the Father
  - Jesus was **confident** in the result of prayer
3. ‘heaven was opened’
  - Man has no **visible** access into the presence of God in heaven
  - Scripture records times when **God** opens the door of heaven
  - Mark records that **Jesus** saw the heavens open (Mk 1:10)
4. ‘the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in bodily form like a dove’
  - The unseen Spirit takes a form that **symbolizes** His ministry
  - The fulfillment of Scripture is **unmistakable** (Is 11:2 / 42:1)
  - This is God’s specific **anointing** upon Jesus for His ministry
  - This is a clear appearance together of the **triune** God
5. ‘a voice came out of heaven’
  - Luke and Mark record the voice as directed to **Jesus**
  - Matthew records the voice as directed to **others**
6. ‘You are My beloved Son, in You I am well-pleased’
  - This is the Father’s declaration of great **affection** for the Son
  - The Father here combines **prophetic** statements of the Son (Ps 2:7 / Is 42:1)
  - Testimony of the Father & the Spirit: Jesus is fully **divine**

## B. Jesus, Son of Man — Testified by Genealogy (23-38)

1. Jesus begins His anointed ministry at age 30
  - His entire life since childhood was a **ministry**
  - 30 seems significant as a beginning point for official **service**
2. Joseph was the **legal**, not natural, father of Jesus
3. Luke and Matthew record two distinct genealogies
  - Matthew gives the genealogy through Joseph
    - (1) Of the line of King David — a **legal** heir to the throne
    - (2) Of the seed of Abraham — a fulfillment of God’s promise in Gn 12:3
  - Luke gives the genealogy through Mary
    - (1) Of the line of King David — a **natural** heir to the throne
    - (2) Of the seed of Adam — a fulfillment of God’s promise in Gn 3:15
4. Luke traces Jesus back to Adam: Jesus is fully **human**

## QUESTIONS

- 1) Read Luke 3:21-38
- 2) What is meaningful to you about the baptism of Jesus?
- 3) What was the significance of Jesus being baptized? Do you feel this in anyway indicates the love of Jesus for mankind?
- 3) How do you imagine it looking as the heavens were opened?
- 4) What was the significance of the Holy Spirit coming upon Jesus, and why in the form of a dove?
- 5) Discuss the significance of the Father’s words: “This is my beloved Son, in You I am well-pleased”.
- 6) What are some of the important points to take note of from Matthew and Luke’s two different genealogies?
- 7) If you were trying to help someone understand that Jesus Christ is fully God and fully man, what could you use from this week’s study to help bring light to this truth?
- 8) Pray for one another.