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**Luke 3:21-37**

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1. He is **God**!
2. He is the **King** appointed by God to rule over the throne of David.

* The first time Jesus came to this world, he came as a **baby** born in a manger. However, when He comes again, He will return as the **King of kings and Lord of lords**. And all the earth shall know **who He really is**.

**Psalm 2:6-7**:

[God the Father says], “*I have installed my King on Zion, my holy Hill*.”

[God the Son responds], “He said to me, “*You are my Son; today I have become your Father. Ask of me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession. You will rule them with an iron scepter…*”

**Genesis 49:10** *You are a lion’s cub, O* ***Judah****; you return from the prey, my son. Like a lion he crouches and lies down, like a lioness—who dares to rouse him? The* ***scepter*** *will not depart from* ***Judah****, nor* ***the ruler’s staff*** *from between his feet, until he comes to whom it belongs, and the obedience of the nations is his.*

* What is a scepter? It is the **ruling staff** held by a king.
* Jacob was prophesying that from the line of Judah would come One who would be a ruler, a king.
* In **Luke 3:31-33**, we learn that Jesus’ mother, Mary, came from the line of **Judah**… How so? We see that her line is traced through David back to Abraham **through Judah**.

1. Jesus was and is the Promised Messiah—the **Savior** of the world.

**Luke 2: 9-11** “I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of Bethel **a Savior** has been born to you; He is **Christ the Lord**.”

1. Jesus was and is the **Promised Messiah**.
2. Jesus was an is a **Suffering Savior**!

**Isiah 53:5-7**, **10**: *But he was* ***pierced*** *for our transgressions, he was* ***crushed*** *for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and* ***the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all****. He was* ***oppressed*** *and* ***afflicted****, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a* ***lamb to the slaughter****, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth…Yet* ***it was the Lord’s will to crush him*** *and* ***cause him to suffer****, and though the Lord makes his life a* ***guilt offering****, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the Lord will prosper in his hand.*

1. Jesus was and is **THE Lamb of God** who died for the sins of the world.
2. Jesus is the coming **Judge** of the world.

**Luke 3:15-17**: “*The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possible be the Christ. John answered them all, “I baptize you with water. But one more powerful than I will come, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and* ***with fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire***.”

**Acts 17:30-31**: In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. For he has set a day when **he will judge the world** with justice **by the man he has appointed**. He has given proof of this to all men by raising Him from the dead.

In **John 5:22,** Jesus says, “Moreover, the Father judges no one, but has entrusted **all judgment to the Son…**”

In **Philippians 2:5-11**: “Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him that name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus **every knee should bow**, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and **every tongue confess** that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

**The Baptism of Jesus:**

As Jesus was praying, three incredible things happened:

1. “Heaven was opened.”
2. “The Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove.”
3. “A voice from heaven spoke, saying, ‘You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.’”

What is the significance of these three incredible occurrences?

* As the skies above the Jordan were torn open, a **revelation** from Heaven was offered to the multitudes who gathered around this river.
* I believe these revelations were given to certain men to enable them to see events unfolding on earth **from Heaven’s perspective**.

What was unfolding on earth, at the baptism of Jesus? God the Father was **anointing** His one and only Son, as the Savior of the world.

**Who is Jesus?**

1. Jesus is the **Son of Man** and the **Son of God**. He is the **God-man**. He is 100% man and 100% God.