



# Is Jesus the Messiah?

Luke 3:21-38

- 1) He had a forerunner, John (3:1-20; cf. Isa 40:3-5)
- 2) He was virgin-born (1:26-45; cf. Isa 7:14)
- 3) He was birthed in Bethlehem (2:4-7; cf. Micah 5:2)
- 4) Attested as the Messiah by witnesses (2:8-40)
- 5) Grew up a despised Nazarene (2:39-40; Matt 2:23)
- 6) A Son of the Law; fulfilled the Law (2:21-24; 41-52)
- 7) God was *pleased* w/ Jesus
  - a) That He lived 30 perfect years
  - b) That Jesus' death would appease His wrath
  - c) That the flawed children of Adam would find redemption in Jesus
- 8) He was baptized by John "to fulfill all righteousness"
  - a) To announce the onset of ministry
  - b) The Father sanctioned, the Son obeyed, the Spirit anointed
  - c) To identify with man's weaknesses (2 Cor 5:21)
  - d) Confirmed as the Son of God (2:22; John 1:34)
- 9) His genealogy links Him with God's promises
  - a) The "seed" of Abraham (Gal. 3:16)
  - b) Judah's line of kings (Gen. 49:8-12)
  - c) David *house, throne, & kingdom* (2 Sam. 7:12-16)
  - d) Adam's humanity & sin: in Adam all die; in Christ all live (1 Cor. 15:22, 45; Rom. 5:17)