



February 28, 2021

Series - Luke: Upside Down

Text - Luke 3:21-38

Title - The Beloved Son

Outline

- 1) In Christ, wayward sons become beloved sons - Luke 3:21-22
- 2) In Christ, sons of Adam become sons of God - Luke 3:23-38

Questions

- 1) Icebreaker - Have you ever been to a Broadway show (or something like it)? What was it like before the curtains opened, and then when they did open?
- 2) Read Luke 3:21-22. What are some of the different ways this passage shows God pulling open the curtains and entering into our mess?
- 3) Have you ever thought about the significance of the Spirit coming upon Jesus tenderly and lowly like a dove (not fiercely like a hawk)? How does that impact you? (see Isaiah 42:1-4 if needed)
- 4) Read Luke 3:23 and 38 (you don't have to read the whole genealogy—unless you just want to volunteer someone and watch them squirm). Why do you think this genealogy matters? What are some of the names that stand out to you? Why does it go all the way to Adam? (here's a summary if needed: Luke is telling us that Jesus is the messianic King [David connection] who brings God's blessing [Abraham connection] to all humanity [Adam connection])
- 5) If you are in Christ, then the Father's words to him are the same he speaks to you: "You are my beloved son; with you I am well pleased." Do you currently sense that you are beloved and that God is well pleased with you? What is hindering or helping that?

Next Sunday's sermon passage - Luke 4:1-13