Luke 3

1 And in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and Philip his brother being tetrarch of Ituraea and the region of Trachonitis, and Lysanias being tetrarch of Abilene,

2 Upon the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came upon John, the son of Zechariah, in the wilderness.

3 And he went into all the surrounding region of the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance unto the remission of sins;

4 As it has been written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare the way of the Lord; make straight His worn paths (latin-semitas-paths).

5 Every valley will be filled up and every mountain and hill will be made low; and the crooked will become into straight, and the rough into smooth ways;

6 And all flesh will see the salvation of God.

7 He said therefore to the crowds coming out to be baptized by him, Offspring of vipers, who forewarned you to flee from the coming wrath?

8 Produce therefore fruits worthy of repentance; and do not begin to say in yourselves, we have Abraham as father; for I say to you, that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from out of these stones.

9 And already also the axe is laid to the root of the trees; every tree therefore not producing good fruit is cut down and is thrown into the fire.

10 And the crowds asked him, saying, What then shall we do?

11 And answering, he says to them, The one having two tunics let him impart (give a share of) to the one having none; and the one having food likewise let him do.

12 And also the tax collectors came to be baptized and they said to him, Teacher, what shall we do?

13 And he said to them, Collect (require, practice) nothing more beyond that having been appointed to you.

14 And those being soldiers also asked, saying, What shall we also do? And he said to them, Do not coerce under threat (strongly intimidate, shake violently, manhandle, extort, blackmail) or falsely accuse (defraud by using inside information) anyone and be content with your wages.

15 And the people expecting and all dialoguing (wondering, considering, reckoning) in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ,

16 John answered all, saying, I indeed baptize you with water, however the One mightier (stronger) than I comes, of whom I am not fit (sufficient, adequate) to untie the strap of His sandals; He will baptize you in the Holy Spirit and in fire;

17 Of whom the winnowing fork is in His hand to thoroughly purge (cleanse) His threshing floor and to gather together the wheat into His storehouse (repository, latin-horreum-barn, place to put away) and the chaff (stalk left after kernels beaten out) He will burn up with unquenchable fire.

18 Entreating then many other things, he preached good news to the people.

19 And Herod the tetrarch, being reproved by him concerning Herodias the wife of his brother, and concerning all the evils that Herod had done,

20 Added yet this upon all also: he locked up (confined) John in prison.

21 And it happened, all the people having been baptized, and Jesus having been baptized and having prayed, the heaven was opened,

22 And the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like as a dove upon Him and a voice came from out of heaven, You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased.

23 And Jesus Himself was beginning about thirty years old, being the son, as was supposed, of Joseph, [son] of Heli,

24 Of Matthat, of Levi, of Melchi, of Jannai, of Joseph,

25 Of Mattathias, of Amos, of Nahum, of Esli, of Naggai,

26 Of Maath, of Mattathias, of Semein, of Joseph, of Joda,

27 Of Joannen, of Rhesa, of Zerubbabel, of Shealtiel, of Neri,

28 Of Mechi, of Addi, of Cosam, of Elmadam, of Er,

29 Of Joshua, of Eliezer, of Jorim, of Matthat, of Levi,

30 Of Simon, of Judah, of Joseph, of Jonam, of Eliakim,

31 Of Melea, of Menna, of Mattathah, of Nathan, of David,

32 Of Jesse, of Obed, of Boaz, of Sala, of Nahshon,

33 Of Amminadab, of Admin, of Arni, of Hezron, of Perez, of Judah,

34 Of Jacob, of Isaac, of Abraham, of Terah, of Nahor,

35 Of Serug, of Reu, of Peleg, of Heber, of Shelah,

36 Of Cainan, of Arphaxad, of Shem, of Noah, of Lamech,

37 Of Methuselah, of Enoch, of Jared, of Mahalalel, of Cainan,

38 Of Enos, of Seth, of Adam, of God.