

6.1a The Gospel of Luke-Discussion

1. What is it about the genealogy of Christ (3.23-38) as to its presence in the Gospel and its content that guides us to a characterization of the Gospel of Luke on a par with calling Matthew the presentation of Christ as king and Mark the presentation of Christ as servant (calling Luke the presentation of Christ as man)? **Jesus... the son of Adam, the son of God.**

The book of Luke narrates the accomplishment of Christ forming the new human family as *the* Son of Adam. He does so by suffering and resurrection.

2. How does the way Luke presents Christ in the genealogy and in the following passages help us refine the theme and, to that degree, the outline of the Gospel?

His accomplishment will involve the falling and rising of many in Israel and thus the end of old Israel and the call of a new Israel from all nations; thus, all who receive His mercy and trust in Him become Abraham's offspring. In this way, the children of Abraham become the children of Adam and children of God.

3. How does the parable of the prodigal son nuance (confirm, develop) the theme of the Gospel of Luke?

It shows us more of how Jesus accomplishes the formation of the new humanity through the three stages of His ministry narrated in the book (in Galilee, in route to Jerusalem, and at Jerusalem). Luke records the beginning that leads to what continues in His call of sinners to Himself by finding the lost sons of Adam: when He finds the lost, they come to their senses and return to the Father with claims of unworthiness on their lips. The book of Acts will document this continued work of the ascended Lord.