

Greek Readings
Series C, Second Sunday in Advent
Luke 3:1-14

Verse 1

- Which “Herod” is meant here? (BDAG 439 2) _____
- Parse τετρααρχούντος. _____ What is its position and force? (Voelz., 118–121) _____
- Why does Luke mention these seven historical figures? Are they listed in any type of order? _____

Verse 2

- Parse ἀρχιερέως. _____ What is the case usage of ἐπὶ + ἀρχιερέως? (Voelz 2 edn., 256–259; 3 edn., 237–240) _____
- Parse ἐγένετο. _____ Where has the phrase, ἐγένετο ῥῆμα θεοῦ, been used, and what does it indicate? (Jer. 1:4ff) _____
- Where have we seen “Zacharias” before? (Lk. 1:5, 12, 13, 18, 21, 40, 59, 67) _____

Verse 3

- Parse κηρύσσων. _____ What is BDAG’s suggestion for interpreting εἰς? (BDAG 290 4.f) How does this affect your understanding of John’s baptism? _____
- Look up βάπτισμα (BDAG 165). How would you explain John’s baptism to a parishioner? _____

Verse 4

- Parse τοῦ προφήτου. _____ What case usage is here employed by Luke? (Voelz, 237–240) _____
- Parse ἐτοιμάσατε. _____
- What fulfillment does John bring about? (cf. Lk 1:76) _____

Verse 5

- Compare Luke’s quotation of Isaiah with Isaiah 40:3–5. According to Luke, what is Isaiah’s “glory of the Lord”? _____
- How would you explain the importance of what is occurring to the φάραγξ, ὄρος, and βουνὸς to a parishioner? _____

Verse 6

- Parse ὥσεται. _____ Why does Luke use this particular voice? _____
- Parse σὰρξ. _____ The word, σὰρξ, often has multiple connotations. How does Luke use it here? (BDAG 915 3.a) _____
- Compare σωτήριον here with the “salvation language” of 1:47 and 2:30. Attempt to put this together theologically. _____

Verse 7

- According to Matthew's gospel (Mt 3:7), to whom in particular did John address the appellation "brood of vipers"? _____ Why then does Luke address this to "the crowds"? _____
- Parse μελλούσης. _____ What is its position and force? (Voelz, 118–121) _____
- Look up ὀργῆς (BDAG 721 2.b). What is this word's significance? _____

Verse 8

- Parse ἄρξησθε. _____ What type of grammatical construction is μὴ ἄρξησθε? (Voelz, 178) _____
- Parse ἐγείραι. _____ What is the best use or understanding of this verb? (Voelz, 100–101) _____

Verse 9

- Parse κεῖται. _____ What is the theological significance of the tense and voice? _____

Verse 10

- Parse ποιήσωμεν. _____ What does the mood tell you about the questions John is asked? _____
- Note that ποιήσωμεν occurs three times (vss. 10, 12, 14). What different groups ask this question of John? _____ What significance, if any, might this have for your preaching of this text? _____

Verse 11

- Parse ἔχοντι. _____ What is its position and force? (Voelz, 118–121) _____

Verse 12

- Parse βαπτισθῆναι. _____ Why is the voice important? _____

Verse 13

- How is παρὰ + the acc. used in this verse? (BDAG 758 C.3; cf. Voelz, 237–240) _____

Verse 14

- Parse διασεύσητε _____ and ἀρκεῖσθε _____ What does the difference in voice and tense tell you? _____

Integration of Meaning

Write a sermon theme summarizing this text in one sentence.