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Jesus's Genealogy

Luke 3:23-38

- Some verses in the Bible seem more inspired than others
- There are deep spiritual truths in these verses—even in a genealogy!

The purposes of genealogies in Jewish history:

1. Inheritances
2. Purchase property
3. Proof of priesthood
4. Proof of royal lineage (for example, rabbi Hillel in Jesus's day)
5. Careful record-keeping until 70 A.D.

Thus far, here are the witnesses in Luke that say Jesus is the Son of Man:

1. Gabriel
2. Elizabeth
3. Mary (the Magnificat)
4. Joseph (Gabriel to him in Matthew's gospel)
5. Zechariah (the Benedictus)

6. Simeon (the Nunc Dimitis)
7. Anna
8. Jesus at 12 years of age
9. John the Baptist
10. The Father from heaven
11. Jesus himself at his baptism

Now Jesus's genealogy

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23 Jesus, when he began his ministry, was about thirty years of age, being the son (as was supposed) of Joseph, the son of Heli, **24** the son of Matthat, the son of Levi, the son of Melchi, the son of Jannai, the son of Joseph, **25** the son of Mattathias, the son of Amos, the son of Nahum, the son of Esli, the son of Naggai, **26** the son of Maath, the son of Mattathias, the son of Semein, the son of Josech, the son of Joda, **27** the son of Joanan, the son of Rhesa, the son of Zerubbabel, the son of Shealtiel, the son of Neri, **28** the son of Melchi, the son of Addi, the son of Cosam, the son of Elmadam, the son of Er, **29** the son of Joshua, the son of Eliezer, the son of Jorim, the son of Matthat, the son of Levi, **30** the son of Simeon, the son of Judah, the son of Joseph, the son of Jonam, the son of Eliakim, **31** the son of Melea, the son of Menna, the son of Mattatha, the son of Nathan, the son of David, **32** the son of Jesse, the son of Obed, the son of Boaz, the son of Sala, the son of Nahshon, **33** the son of Amminadab, the son of Admin, the son of Arni, the son of Hezron, the son of Perez, the son of Judah, **34** the son of Jacob, the son of Isaac, the son of Abraham, the son of Terah, the son of Nahor, **35** the son of Serug, the son of Reu, the son of Peleg, the son of Eber, the son of Shelah, **36** the son of Cainan, the son of Arphaxad, the son of Shem, the son of Noah, the son of Lamech, **37** the son of Methuselah, the son of Enoch, the son of Jared, the son of Mahalaleel, the son of Cainan, **38** the son of Enos, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God.

Verse 23 points out Jesus began his public ministry at 30 years of age

1. Like Ezekiel (**Ezekiel 1:1**)
2. Like Joseph (**Genesis 41:46**)
3. Like David (**2 Samuel 5:4**)
4. Like all priests (**Numbers 4**)
5. Like Jesus (**Luke 3:23**)

The difference between the genealogies of Matthew and Luke (primarily seen in their audiences — Matthew was to the Jews and Luke to the Gentiles):

1. Matthew goes through Joseph to Abraham: Jesus is son of Abraham
2. Luke goes through Mary (Heli adopting Joseph?): Jesus is Son of Man
3. Matthew traces Jesus to Solomon
4. Luke traces Jesus to Nathan, David's third-born son
5. The problem of Jeconiah/Jehoiakim and the curse upon his bloodline
6. In Matthew, Joseph is the legal father of Jesus as adopted by Heli
7. In Luke, God bypasses the blood curse of Jeconiah through the Virgin Birth of Jesus
8. Luke traces Jesus back to Adam

Four profound truths from Luke's genealogy about Jesus:

1. Jesus is the Son of Man
 - The Virgin Birth IS essential Christian doctrine
2. If born of the Holy Spirit, your name is written in God's genealogy
 - God knows you BY NAME!
3. No woman/person is outside God's grace
 - **Matthew names four women in Jesus's genealogy. They are:**
 - a. **Tamar:** a woman with few scruples
 - b. **Rahab:** a professional woman of the streets
 - c. **Ruth:** a total outsider to the Jewish community of faith
 - d. **Bathsheba:** an adulterer, manipulator
 - Luke's gospel is sometimes called the Ladies Home Journal of the four gospels
 - Women are very important to God's kingdom!

- **No one can out sin the grace of God!** No matter who you are or what you've done
- You can be a new creation through Jesus, the old has passed away and the new has come

4. You can reverse your family curse

Luke says Jesus is from Adam who failed and brought sin into the world. Luke traveled with Paul according to the book of Acts. **Paul says that Jesus is the second Adam in:**

Romans 5:12-21

12 Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— **13** for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. **14** Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come. **15** But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. **16** And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. **17** For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ. **18** Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. **19** For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. **20** Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, **21** so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

- The first Adam failed to obey God. The second Adam perfectly obeyed God the Father
- The first Adam brought sin into the world. The second Adam brought

grace and forgiveness

- The first Adam brought death into the world. The second Adam brought eternal life

Everyone in the world is either in Adam or in Christ...what about you?

1. Luke's genealogy is to help us see:
2. Jesus is the Son of Man
3. Jesus is the second Adam
4. Jesus, the perfect God/man who paid for all our sins
5. Our names can now be written in God's eternal genealogy, his book of life

And in Christ alone, our identity is found. Our only hope is found:

In Christ alone...