



Luke 3:23-38

Jesus, the Legitimate Messiah

In the theocracy of Israel genealogies were crucial.

Your ancestry determined:

- any claims on land
- rights of inheritance

Genealogical records were used to:

- administer taxation
- verify qualification for the priesthood
- determine claims to be of royal descent

These public records were maintained meticulously and were available for scrutiny at the time the gospels were written.



Luke's genealogy goes back to:

- King David at v31...
- then to Abraham at v34...
- to Adam, v38
- and finally to God.

Here is a snapshot of the whole of earth's history and of the history of the nation of Israel.

Jesus is the culmination of all redemptive history.

Luke

Matthew

Moves from the present to the past.

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Luke goes back to Adam and then God as he wants to convey the universal application of Christ's life and atoning death.

Matthew only goes as far back as Abraham as his main concern is to convince the Jews of Jesus' legal claim to Messiah as a descendant of Abraham and David.

Lists 77 names in 11 groups of 7.

Lists 42 names in 3 groups of 14.

Luke

Between Abraham and King David the two genealogies are the same...

Luke gives Mary's genealogy...

Heli was Mary's father and

Jesus' grandfather.

Even though Joseph was not the biological father of Jesus He still had royal blood in his veins.

Mary was descended from King David's third son, Nathan.

Matthew

... but from David to Jesus they are very different. There's a simple reason for this...

Matthew lists Joseph's family tree. Matthew, writing to Jews, names 4 dubious women, highlighting the measure and scope of God's mercy and grace!

Joseph was descended from King David's first son, Solomon.



“Hosanna to the Son of David”

Matt 21:9

There was no disputing their proclamation!

Jesus as the son of Adam

Jesus is, as a man, what Adam once was...
a sinless, perfect man bearing absolutely perfectly the
image of God.

“if you’ve seen Me, you’ve seen the Father”... John 14:7-9

He is the express image of God... Hebrews 1:3

In this sense, Jesus is the Son of Adam.

Jesus is also the son of Adam in the sense that He is
truly and fully human.

Two ways in which Jesus is *not* a son of Adam.

Firstly, Jesus is not a son by means of creation...
He is the only begotten, eternal Son.

Next, Paul says in Romans 5:19...

by one man's disobedience many were made sinners

In this Jesus is different.

He did not inherit that sinful nature like we did.

Adam fell into sin, but Jesus lived that righteous life that Adam had lost and, as Paul goes on to say...

by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous.

Rom 5:19



“Hosanna to the Son of David”

This must be our proclamation too.