

The Gospel According to Luke

JESUS' GENEALOGY

PART 7

The line of Judah

READ MATTHEW 1:2-17

INTRODUCTION

Matthew and Luke are the only two Gospels that we see a genealogy for Jesus. Matthew was pointing to Jesus' authority to the throne, Mark was emphasizing His servant's heart and who cares where a servant came from, Luke was emphasizing His humanity and link to Adam, and John pointed out His Deity and, there is no way to give a genealogy for the Creator of the universe. Matthew goes back to Abraham and there are a few reasons why he did this.

As a line of people that is there to verify the legal right that Jesus had to the throne of Israel, it is good that Matthew points out David and Solomon in the line of Christ. The fact that David was, and even still is to this day, considered the greatest king over Israel was a factor in the genealogy but, there is more to it than that. Christ was predicted to come through the line of David. (Jeremiah 23:5) That means that, not only did Jesus have the correct legal right, but also the prophesied bloodline as well, to the throne of Israel.

Also, note that the genealogy goes all the way to Abraham. There is a reason for that as well. Abraham was the beginning of the Jewish people. He is where God started with His chosen people and God promised that the Messiah would come through the line of these chosen people. (Gen. 12:3 cf. Acts 3:24-26) The fact that all nations have been offered blessing through salvation is something that we truly can worship the Lord over. Abraham was where it started, David was a man after God's own heart, Jesus was the One who would offer Himself up as the Holiest of sacrifices and forgive all sin.

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why is it easy to ignore genealogies? How can we avoid falling asleep while reading them? Is there anything you are curious about knowing more about in this passage?
2. Why are Matthew and Luke's Gospel records of the genealogies of Christ different? How can we see more fulfillment of God's plan with these lists?
3. Why was it important that Jesus have a legal right to the throne of David? Has He, or when will He, take the throne? Explain.
4. There were many predictions about the Messiah. Which one's give you the most encouragement and why?

WRAP UP

Jesus' line was filled with sinners. He came from men and God. He is 100% man and 100% God. He is the only One that can have that claim. He rules, whether we realize it or not, with love and grace but also, purity and judgement. It is encouraging to read how God planned this all out before the foundations of the Earth.