

GENEALOGY OF JESUS Luke 3 (p.944)

400 years of apparent silence from God created great *anticipation*. Then Christ explodes onto the scene. And God declares, “You are My beloved Son. I take delight in You!”

Genealogies are hard because:

- Oral tradition was the means for transferring history.
- Father* is sometimes used in the sense of forefather which means generations may be skipped. Genealogies are rarely complete.
- Variants of names are used.
- Many names are repeated. There’s more than one Joseph...
- Two different genealogies are confusing (Matthew & Luke).

1. **Joseph** was NOT Jesus’ physical father. 3:23

Reference to the virgin birth.

2. **Heli**- Jesus’ maternal grandfather. 3:23



Holy Spirit reveals with great detail that Jesus has
 *the legal right to rule through His legal father, Joseph,
 AND
 *the bloodline of David because of His mother, Mary.

3. **Zerubbabel.** 3:27
 Ezra 3:2-3
 Used of God to lead following the Exile.
4. **David.** 3:31
 Christ is the fulfilment of the great Covenant from God (2Sam.7:8-16), “Your throne will be established forever.”
5. **Abraham.** 3:34
 Through Abraham’s descendant, Jesus, all nations may be saved (Gen.12:3)!
6. **Adam.** 3:37
 Sin came through the first Adam.
 Salvation is available through the last Adam (1Cor.15:45).
7. **God.** 3:37
 “... a voice came from heaven: You are My beloved Son.” – Lk.3:22