

THE GENEALOGY OF JESUS: WHY?

Luke 4.23-38 // April 26, 2026

APPARENT CONTRADICTIONS

“Apparent” contradictions are not the same as “actual” contradictions. Some things might not have an obvious answer or solution, but still cannot be ruled as an actual contradiction. We ought to take these serious, be honest, studious, and curious, but we also do not need to have that instant “oh no!” freak out when we see an apparent contradiction.

One thing that can help us here is seeing some differences in the genealogies that come both from Matthew as well as Luke.

Luke: works backward from Jesus to Adam.
Matthew: works forward from Abraham to Jesus.

Matthew’s audience was Jewish, so he wants to prove that Jesus descends from Abraham, firstly, as well as from David, to prove that He is the one to sit on the throne of Israel.

BUT WHY?

But why are these here? Luke’s audience, is primarily Gentile, so they don’t care as much about Jesus’ connection to Abraham or whether He can sit on the throne of David, but their primary interest would be, “but is He our Savior, as well?” For this reason, one possibility is that Matthew traces Jesus’ *legal* lineage through Joseph (important for sitting on David’s throne), whereas Luke traces His *biological* lineage through Mary, proving that He is a real human from the original human race who has come to save anyone from any tribe, nation, or people.

Ephesians 2.17-22, 3.4-6 // Galatians 3.28, 29
Romans 9.6-8, 25, 26, 11.17, 18

God’s Word reveals a massive plot twist! Being “of Israel” has nothing to do with ethnicity, but only with faith. Even Gentiles are to be considered true heirs of the promise! Gentiles can be grafted into the True Israel through faith in Christ.

THE TRUE ISRAEL

The only reason this is possible is because the True Israel is not a people group of certain ethnicity or heritage, but True Israel is actually a Man, and that Man is Jesus. Jesus is the only *true* Jew who lived out every bit of righteousness that Jews were called to live out. He is the only Son in whom God was well pleased, and He is the only Offspring that the promise of Abraham was actually given to. And He, being the Root of Jesse, is the True Israel we are grafted into.

Romans 15.12 // Isaiah 11.1 // Romans 10.12-17
Galatians 3.16, 29 // John 10.16

NOTES:

Announcements:

Community Meal: Next Sunday after service we will enjoy some time of food and fellowship together, with a Cinco de Mayo taco theme! Tacos will be provided, signup to bring a side, drink, or dessert to share.



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Breath of Heaven Golf Tournament – May 14: Spend an afternoon at Bear Creek Golf Club—an incredible Jack Nicklaus-designed course—raising support for children in need. Grab a friend, form a team, or jump in solo. More info at the website below:



bofheaven.org/golf

This Week’s Call to Worship Psalm:

Psalm 8.1-6

This Week’s Scripture to Memorize:

Hebrews 4.12

For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Open the evening with the **Call to Worship Psalm** and have someone open the night by *praying* the Psalm.

Read **Ephesians 2.17-22, 3.4-6**. What stands out here or from Sunday's sermon?

Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

All of us come from a sinful line of heritage and family history. And none of us can undo the sinful DNA passed down to us. In that way, we are all under a curse of this hereditary disease called sin. But Christ also came from a sinful line, yet without sin, and He *has* undone not only the "curse" of His sin-filled family heritage, but He has undone even the curse of *your* sin-filled heritage. Nothing in your family history has power or control over you, because He has broken the curse. How does that truth help you to believe better about anything from your past and things you have been brought up in or taught that have maybe been a hindrance in your life?

Your Life Mission

You have been brought into this world for a purpose. God has brought you into the flawed family and flawed community that you are in to be both salt and light, not by pointing to yourself, but to Christ as your Rock and Fortress. Take time as a group to pray for those in your lives that you are hoping to have meaningful Gospel conversations with. Use the model that Jesus Himself gave us to pray for God's will and Kingdom to rule and reign in our hearts and the hearts of others.

THE LORD'S P.R.A.Y.er MODEL

Preaching the Gospel to Yourself (Matthew 6.9, 10)

Repent and Confess (Matthew 6.12)

Ask for Provision (Matthew 6.11-13)

Yield with Thanksgiving (Matthew 6.10)

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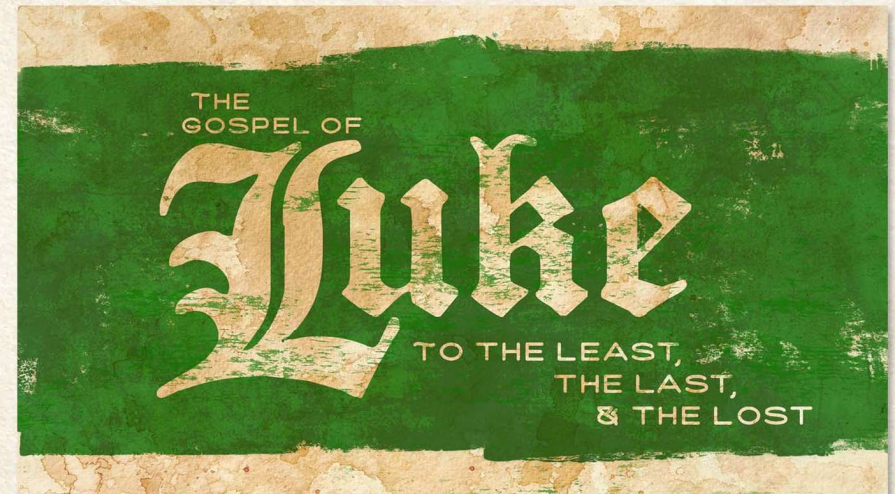


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MAKING DISCIPLES WHO MAKE DISCIPLES LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY,
WHO ARE SAVED, EQUIPPED, AND SENT BY THE GOSPEL.



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