



JESUS

LIONMAN of JUDAH

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PART 3: JESUS' GENEALOGY

Matthew 1:1-18; Luke 3:23-38

AUTHOR PROFILES

As we study Jesus' life and ministry from all four Gospels, we'll give a brief bio of the author of each Gospel as we come to it. This week we profile Matthew and Luke.

Matthew

- A tax collector.
- Leaves his job to follow Jesus and becomes one of the twelve disciples.
- Makes sure his friends are introduced to Jesus.
- Later becomes a missionary and is martyred in Ethiopia.
- Writes to encourage and equip Jews who put their faith in Jesus as Messiah.

Luke

- A doctor.
- Not one of the twelve, but travelled with Paul on his church-planting missions. He may have been Paul's personal doctor. The first medical missionary?
- Very detail oriented. Did a lot of careful research to write both the Gospel of Luke and the Book of Acts. Some call him the first Christian historian.
- Writes for a Gentile man named Theophilus, likely a high ranking official or member of Roman society.

ABOUT THE GENEALOGIES

TWO THINGS TO THINK ABOUT...

Sometimes we gloss over the genealogies as a long list of dead guys no one cares about anymore. Yet God included them not to bore us, but to instruct us (2 Timothy 3:16). Here's two things to consider in light of Jesus' genealogies...

1. No matter who you are or what you've done,
Jesus **LOVES** you,
can **SAVE** you,
and will **USE** you to build his Kingdom.

In Jesus' family tree are prostitutes, noblemen, cowards, warriors, redeemers, murderers, and kings... and Jesus would be the Savior of them all.

2. What **LEGACY** are you building into your family?

HOMework



Open Your Group in Prayer.

1. Do you know anything interesting (good, bad, ugly) about your family history? Where is your family from? How far back can you go naming grandparents? Did they know Jesus? Share what you feel comfortable sharing with the group.
2. How have people in your ancestry affected your life?
3. What does Jesus' human ancestry tell us about him?
4. What names in his genealogy (in Matthew or Luke) do you recognize? How did that person affect Jesus' earthly life?
5. Open your bible to **2 Kings 18**. Start reading and write down the notable things you learn about King Hezekiah.
6. Starting in **2 Kings 20:20** trace King Hezekiah's descendants **through 2 Kings 22:2**. For each of his sons and grandsons you read about, make a short list of what you learn about them.

Hezekiah's son, Manasseh:

Manasseh's son, Amon:

Amon's son, Josiah:

7. **Read 2 Kings 22:1-13**. What else do you learn about King Hezekiah's great grandson, King Josiah?
8. In **verse 8** Hilkiyah the high priest finds the Book of the Law (probably referring to Deuteronomy) in the Temple. Many believe that Manasseh was so wicked that he even went so far as to hide God's Word so that it could not be read and thus convict him of his evil deeds. Look back at **21:1, 21:19, and 21:3**. Based on the length of each King's reign, how many years had the Book of the Law been hidden before it is found by Hilkiyah?
9. Why does Josiah tear his clothes in **verse 11**?
10. What does Josiah tell the men to pray for in **verse 13**?
11. Who does Josiah say is ultimately responsible for God's wrath being kindled against them in **verse 13**?
12. How did King Josiah's father and grandfather affect his life? What kind of legacy did they leave for him? **Dads** – what does this tell you about your influence on your children and your children's children?
13. We will all leave a legacy for those who follow us. What legacy do you hope to leave in your family/work/relationships?

6:7 family questions

Starting this week you'll notice something new on your sermon handout. In addition to 1:10 Community Group Homework there will also be 6:7 Family Questions. These will include a few questions tied to Sunday's sermon to discuss with the kids in your life (your own kids, your grandkids, the neighbor kids... you get the idea). These simple questions are designed to help you live out the command in Deuteronomy 6:7; to teach our kids and make God's Word a natural topic of conversation in our homes. I encourage you to use these at the dinner table, in the car, or wherever you find your family together with a few moments to spare. Sometimes we'll include some activity ideas as well.

You Are Loved!

— Pastor Dan

- **Read Matthew 1:1-16** together. Take turns reading some of the names. That should get a few laughs!
- It's amazing to think that Jesus, the God of the universe, had a family. He had parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, brothers and sisters. What would it be like to have Jesus as your brother? How do you think he acted toward his parents? How can we be more like Jesus with our family?
- Jesus had parents, grandparents, great grandparents... Take some time to draw out a small family tree so your kids can see who their grandparents and great grandparents are!

Make a Family Crest!

Did you know that back in the day, many families had a crest that described who they were to everyone they knew. If you made a crest for your family, what would be on it? Use the blank crest to make one for your family!

(If you want a bigger one, you can pick one up at the Connect Desk or email the church office.)

- Write your family name in the banner across the middle.
- In the top two quadrants, draw a picture of something or write a word that describes your family. Do you play games together? Do you sing together? Are you all from Nagaland???
- In the bottom two quadrants, draw a picture or write a word that describes what you want your family to be known for 50 years from now. Talk about how you could make that happen.
- When you're done, pick some family colors and color it together, then hang it on the fridge!

