

Certainty... in a world of doubt

The Gospel of Luke

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“Ancestry.com” **Luke 3:23-38**

When you go to a counselor, financial advisor, or doctor; it is very important to check their credentials. When so much is at stake, it is necessary to find out if they are qualified and can be trusted.

If trusting a counselor, advisor, or doctor is important... how much more important are the credentials of the Savior, King, and giver of eternal life? Biblical Faith is based on fact. In chapters 1-4, Luke presents three powerful lines of factual evidence (the baptism, genealogy, and temptation of Christ) to assure us that Jesus Christ is the only qualified King and Savior of the human race. In this passage, we look at the second of three evidences.

The Family Tree of the Son of God

- A. The Seed** vs. 36-38 (Gen. 1-3; 6-9)
- Key names: Adam, Noah
 - God makes a Covenant with Creation and Noah.
- B. The Root** vs. 33-35 (Gen. 12; 15; 22; Gal. 3:16, 26-29)
- Key names: Abraham, Isaac, Jacob
 - God makes a Covenant with Abraham and Israel
- C. The Branch** vs. 24-32 (2 Sam. 7:12-13; Jer. 23: 5-6; 33:15,21-26; Ps. 89:3-4,19-37; Is. 11:1; Zech. 3:8, 6:12)
- Key name: David
 - God makes a Covenant with David
- D. The Fruit** v. 23 (Jer. 31-34; Isaiah 54; Ezekiel 33-39; Micah 5:2; 2 Cor. 1:20)
- Key Name: Jesus
 - God fulfills the others in the new Covenant.

Luke is saying the sum total of everything that you need is concentrated in Jesus.
Jesus is the only one with the right to redeem and reign.

Recommended Reading: “God’s Kingdom Through God’s Covenants” by Gentry & Wellum (2015)

Growing Notes: **Luke 3:23-38**

- Let others in the group get to know you by sharing with them 1-2 facts regarding your family tree.
- Why do you think so many people are curious about their relationship to their lineage?
- Read Luke 3:23-38. When done reading, if there was a name that stood out to you, share with the group what comes to mind about that person.
- To Luke’s immediate audience genealogies were critical for many reasons. God determined that Luke take the time to list this out. Each individual name listed in the family tree of Jesus carries a story; as well do all the names together as a whole. It all carries the message that Jesus is the only qualified King and Savior of the World. Each name is another step towards showing the historicity and certainty of this fact. What does this genealogy of Jesus Christ (placed between His baptism and temptation) mean to you and/or your faith?
- In prayer, share with God the Father your thoughts and feelings regarding this passage and His son.