



# The Two Different Genealogies of Christ

Luke 3:23-38

Matt 1:2-17



# Full Disclosure

In the beginning, I did  
not want to tackle this.

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**42 generations**

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**GOD**

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Terah Nahor Serug Reu Peleg Eber

**Matthew 1:1-17**

14 generations  
from Abraham  
to David

Abraham Isaac Jacob Judah Perez Hezron Ram Amminadab Nahshon Salmon Boaz Obed Jesse **David**

14 generations  
from David  
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in Babylon

**Solomon** Rehoboam Abijah Asa Jehoshaphat Joram Uzziah Jotham Ahaz Hezekiah Manasseh Amon Josiah Jeconiah Shealtiel Zerubbabel Abiud Eliakim Azor Zadok Achim Eliud Eleazar Matthan Jacob

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Joseph  
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**JESUS**

**Nathan**

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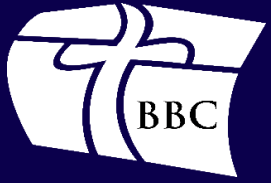
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## **3 Options**

- 1. Matthew and Luke's genealogies are Joseph's through two different fathers.**
- 2. Matthew's genealogy is Joseph's genealogy and Luke's genealogy is Mary's.**
- 3. Matthew's genealogy is Mary's and Luke's genealogy is Joseph's (the adopted father of Jesus).**

# Luke 3:23



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**What is this all about?**



# Why do Jews and Christians care about genealogies?



# Why is Jesus' genealogy of particular importance?

# What are the requirements the genealogy of Christ must meet:

1. Born of a woman
2. Descendent of Abraham
3. Of the tribe of Judah
4. Son of David
5. Son of Solomon



# Do we need a bloodline genealogy in the New Testament?





# Turn Back to

## Luke 1:-3

Inasmuch as **many have undertaken to compile a narrative** of the things that have been accomplished among us, <sup>2</sup> just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word have delivered them to us, <sup>3</sup> it seemed good to me also, **having followed all things closely for some time past, to write an orderly account** for you, most excellent Theophilus,



Can we reasonably  
assume that Luke had  
access to a copy of  
Matthew?

**Is it fair to conclude that Luke wanted to communicate something Matthew wasn't providing?**

**It is reasonable to conclude that Luke assumed his reader would not need additional information?**



# Let's Compare

# Matt v. Luke

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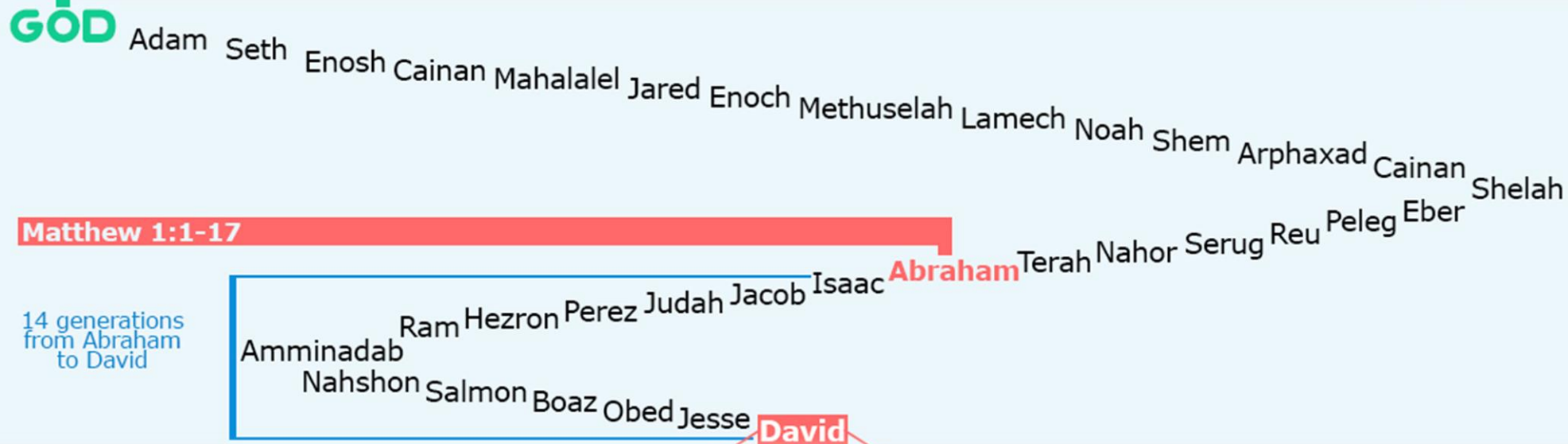
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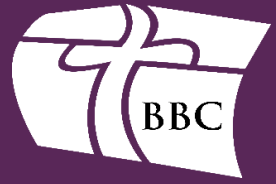
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**Where should we turn now?**



## 2 Samuel 7:12-13



- When your [David] days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. <sup>13</sup> He [Solomon] shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.



# Fact

**From a covenant perspective, Jesus must be biologically a descendent of Solomon. Luke's genealogy does not help with this problem.**

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Matthew 1

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Luke 3


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**So which is right?**



It is very common to  
suggest that the  
genealogy in Luke is  
Mary's genealogy.


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SERMON ACTIVITY

Teaching the **TRUTH**

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**Which genealogy is Mary's or which is  
the bloodline genealogy?**

**A. Matthew**

**B. Luke**

<b>Matthew's Genealogy</b>	<b>Luke's Genealogy</b>
<b>Includes Mary's name</b>	<b>No mention of Mary</b>
<b>Identifies the names of 4 other women</b>	<b>No women listed</b>
<b>Emphasizes the birth</b>	<b>Identifies and clarifies the sonship relationship</b>
<b>Descends from Solomon</b>	<b>Descends from Nathan</b>

**Do we need Jesus to be a bloodline  
descendent of King Solomon?**

## Question

**If Luke had a copy of Matthew's gospel and knew that Matthew presented Joseph's genealogy, why would he create such confusion by giving the church another genealogy of Joseph?**





Whose genealogy  
would you expect to  
find the name Joseph  
more than once?

<sup>23</sup> And Jesus himself began to be about thirty years of age, being (as was supposed) the son of **Joseph**, which was *the son* of Heli, <sup>24</sup> Which was *the son* of Matthat, which was *the son* of Levi, which was *the son* of Melchi, which was *the son* of Janna, which was *the son* of **Joseph**, <sup>25</sup> Which was *the son* of Mattathias, which was *the son* of Amos, which was *the son* of Naum, which was *the son* of Esli, which was *the son* of Nagge, <sup>26</sup> Which was *the son* of Maath, which was *the son* of Mattathias, which was *the son* of Semei, which was *the son* of **Joseph**, which was *the son* of Juda, <sup>27</sup> Which was *the son* of Joanna, which was *the son* of Rhesa, which was *the son* of Zorobabel, which was *the son* of Salathiel, which was *the son* of Neri, <sup>28</sup> Which was *the son* of Melchi, which was *the son* of Addi, which was *the son* of Cosam, which was *the son* of Elmodam, which was *the son* of Er, <sup>29</sup> Which was *the son* of Jose, which was *the son* of Eliezer, which was *the son* of Jorim, which was *the son* of Matthat, which was *the son* of Levi, <sup>30</sup> Which was *the son* of Simeon, which was *the son* of Juda, which was *the son* of **Joseph**, which was *the son* of Jonan, which was *the son* of Eliakim, <sup>31</sup> Which was *the son* of Melea, which was *the son* of Menan, which was *the son* of Mattatha, which was *the son* of Nathan, which was *the son* of David, <sup>32</sup> Which was *the son* of Jesse, which was *the son* of Obed, which was *the son* of Booz, which was *the son* of Salmon, which was *the son* of Naasson, <sup>33</sup> Which was *the son* of Aminadab, which was *the son* of Aram, which was *the son* of Esrom, which was *the son* of Phares, which was *the son* of Juda, <sup>34</sup> Which was *the son* of Jacob, which was *the son* of Isaac, which was *the son* of Abraham, which was *the son* of Thara, which was *the son* of Nachor, <sup>35</sup> Which was *the son* of Saruch, which was *the son* of Ragau, which was *the son* of Phalec, which was *the son* of Heber, which was *the son* of Sala, <sup>36</sup> Which was *the son* of Cainan, which was *the son* of Arphaxad, which was *the son* of Sem, which was *the son* of Noe, which was *the son* of Lamech, <sup>37</sup> Which was *the son* of Mathusala, which was *the son* of Enoch, which was *the son* of Jared, which was *the son* of Maleleel, which was *the son* of Cainan, <sup>38</sup> Which was *the son* of Enos, which was *the son* of Seth, which was *the son* of Adam, which was *the son* of God.

## **Matthew's Genealogy**

**Includes Mary's name**

**Identifies the names of 4 other women**

**Emphasizes the birth**

**Descends from Solomon**

**No other reference to the name Joseph**

## **Luke's Genealogy**

**No mention of Mary**

**No women listed**

**Identifies and clarifies the sonship relationship**

**Descends from Nathan**

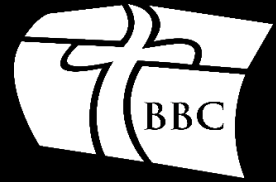
**2 or 3 forefathers also named Joseph**



# Turn to Matthew

# 1:17

# Matthew 1:17



- So all the generations from Abraham to David *are* fourteen generations; and from David until the carrying away into Babylon *are* fourteen generations; and from the carrying away into Babylon unto Christ *are* fourteen generations.

## So, why fourteen?

Matthew builds his genealogy around the number 14 because David's name in Hebrew (דָּוִד) has a value of 14. ד (dalet) + ו (vav) + ד (dalet), or  $4 + 6 + 4 = 14$ . Also, David is the fourteenth name listed in the genealogy. The emphasis on David here is abundantly clear. Matthew uses the number fourteen to connect Jesus to King David, and thus presents his genealogy in a distinctively Jewish way.





How many  
generations do we  
need to meet this  
requirement in  
verse 17?

<sup>2</sup> Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, <sup>3</sup> and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Ram, <sup>4</sup> and Ram the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, <sup>5</sup> and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, <sup>6</sup> and Jesse the father of David the king.

And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, <sup>7</sup> and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asaph, <sup>8</sup> and Asaph the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, <sup>9</sup> and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, <sup>10</sup> and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos, and Amos the father of Josiah, <sup>11</sup> and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon. <sup>12</sup>

And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Shealtiel, and Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, <sup>13</sup> and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, <sup>14</sup> and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, <sup>15</sup> and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, <sup>16</sup> and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ.



And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Shealtiel, and **1) Shealtiel** the father of Zerubbabel, <sup>13</sup> and **2) Zerubbabel** the father of Abiud, and **3) Abiud** the father of Eliakim, and **4) Eliakim** the father of Azor, <sup>14</sup> and **5) Azor** the father of Zadok, and **6) Zadok** the father of Achim, and **7) Achim** the father of Eliud, <sup>15</sup> and **8) Eliud** the father of Eleazar, and **9) Eleazar** the father of Matthan, and **10) Matthan** the father of Jacob, <sup>16</sup> and **11) Jacob** the father of **12) Joseph** the husband of Mary, of whom **13) Jesus** was born, who is called Christ.

$$14 + 14 + 13 = 41$$

**We need another  
generation.**

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**Is it ridiculous or absurd to suggest that Mary's father's name was Joseph and she was also espoused (engaged) to a man named Joseph?**

**1) Joseph the husband of Mary, 2) Joseph of Arimathea 3) Joseph of Barsabbas 4) Joseph also called Barnabas**

## The Gospel of Matthew Was First Written in Hebrew

Though no copies are extant, there is good historical evidence that Matthew's Gospel was first written in Hebrew. Around 130 A.D., Church father Papias (a former student of the Apostle John) explained:

*So then Matthew wrote the oracles in the Hebrew language, and everyone interpreted them as he was able. (Recorded by Eusebius in Church History, 3:39)*

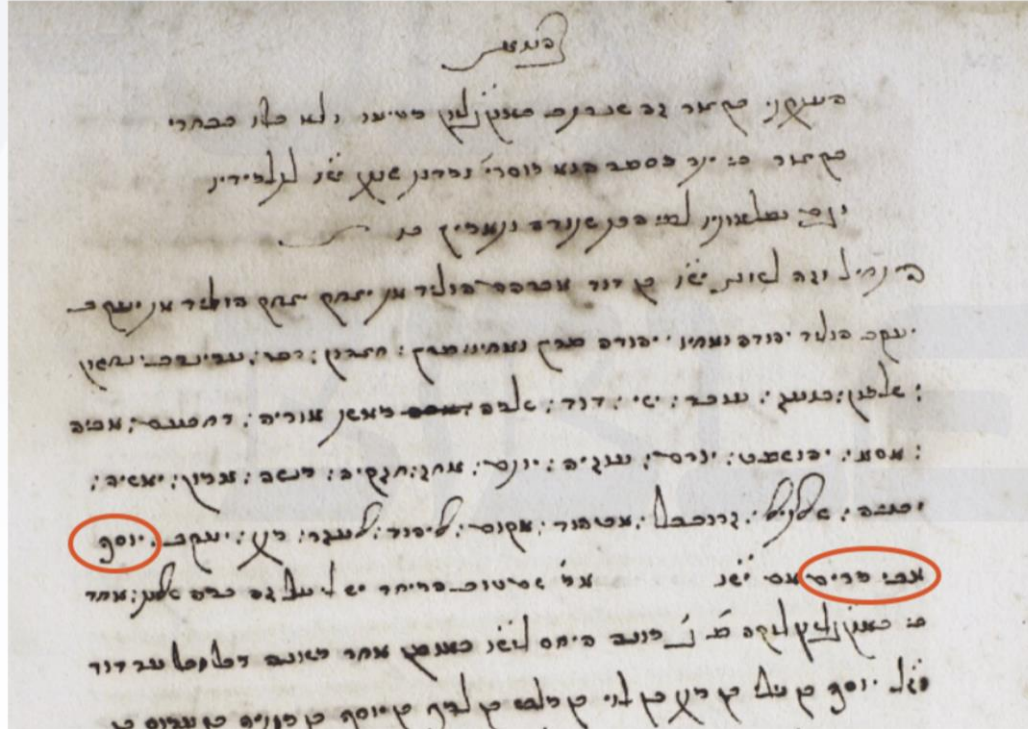
Irenaeus was a student of Polycarp, who was a student of the Apostle John. Around 170 A.D., Irenaeus confirms and elaborates upon Papias' report:

*Matthew also issued a written Gospel among the Hebrews in their own dialect, while Peter and Paul were preaching in Rome and laying the foundation of the Church. After their departure, Mark, the disciple and interpreter of Peter, did also hand down to us in writing what had been preached by Peter. Luke also, the companion of Paul, recorded in a book the Gospel preached by him. Afterwards John, the disciple of the Lord, who also had leaned upon his breast, did himself publish a Gospel during his residence at Ephesus in Asia. (Against Heresies, 3:1)*

In the Hebrew text of **Matthew 1:16** we find that the Joseph mentioned there is NOT the husband of Mary.

As you can see in the picture below, the Hebrew text reads:

Yoseph abi Miryam = Joseph father of Mary



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## Matthew 1:16

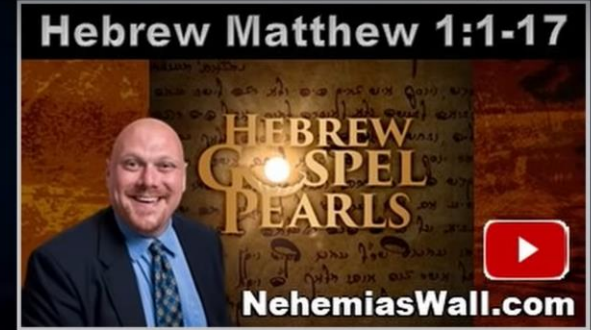
and Jacob fathered Joseph the father of Mary,  
of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ.

“father.” The Greek is *anēr* ([#435](#) ἀνὴρ), and means “an adult human male.” *Anēr* is generally assumed to mean “husband” in this verse, but that cannot be the case. For one thing, the list of the three sets of 14 generations that go from Abraham to Christ (vs. 2-16), makes this impossible. If Joseph is the husband of Mary, there would only be 13 generations in the last list of “14 generations.” Also, the Aramaic text reads differently in this verse than it does in verse 19, and in verse 19 Joseph is unmistakably referred to as the “husband” of Mary. The difference in the vocabulary indicates a difference in the relationship.





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# **Conclusion**

- 1. The genealogy that has 5 women in it including the mother of Jesus is Mary's genealogy.**
- 2. The genealogy that includes Solomon is the bloodline genealogy.**
- 3. The 14<sup>th</sup> generation problem is solved.**
- 4. Joseph does not have 2 fathers.**
- 5. Luke does not create confusion, instead he adds to the narrative by reminding us that Jesus' genealogy goes all the way back to the son of God Adam.**