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## Luke 3:23-38

[23] Jesus, when he began his ministry, was about thirty years of age, being the son (as was supposed) of Joseph, the son of Heli, [24] the son of Matthat, the son of Levi, the son of Melchi, the son of Jannai, the son of Joseph, [25] the son of Mattathias, the son of Amos, the son of Nahum, the son of Esli, the son of Naggai, [26] the son of Maath, the son of Mattathias, the son of Semein, the son of Josech, the son of Joda, [27] the son of Joanan, the son of Rhesa, the son of Zerubbabel, the son of Shealtiel, the son of Neri, [28] the son of Melchi, the son of Addi, the son of Cosam, the son of Elmadam, the son of Er, [29] the son of Joshua, the son of Eliezer, the son of Jorim, the son of Matthat, the son of Levi, [30] the son of Simeon, the son of Judah, the son of Joseph, the son of Jonam, the son of Eliakim, [31] the son of Melea, the son of Menna, the son of Mattatha, the son of Nathan, the son of David, [32] the son of Jesse, the son of Obed, the son of Boaz, the son of Sala, the son of Nahshon, [33] the son of Amminadab, the son of Admin, the son of Arni, the son of Hezron, the son of Perez, the son of Judah, [34] the son of Jacob, the son of Isaac, the son of Abraham, the son of Terah, the son of Nahor, [35] the son of Serug, the son of Reu, the son of Peleg, the son of Eber, the son of Shelah, [36] the son of Cainan, the son of Arphaxad, the son of Shem, the son of Noah, the son of Lamech, [37] the son of Methuselah, the son of Enoch, the son of Jared, the son of Mahalaleel, the son of Cainan, [38] the son of Enos, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God. (ESV)

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## Sermon Outline:

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## Life Group Leader Notes:





- Ice breaker question: Do genealogies interest you? Are there any interesting details in your family line?
- Why does Jesus' family line matter? Why did he need to descend from David? From Abraham? From Adam?
- Discuss the significance that Jesus was 30 years of age when he began his ministry. Why was that important for him to fulfill the offices of Prophet, Priest, and King?
- The Bible is filled with great people like Abraham, Moses, Ruth, David, and Deborah. Pick up your kid's storybook Bible and you will find dozens of faithful, godly men and women. But it is also filled with Cosams and Meleas. The list in Luke 3 is filled with normal people who lived ordinary, forgotten lives. Does it encourage you that Jesus came to save ordinary people? Do you ever feel like you have to be somebody great or do something spectacular to get God's attention?
- The genealogies in Matthew & Luke have some similarities, but they are very different. When you encounter an *apparent* discrepancy in the Bible, how do you tend to respond? Have you ever been tempted to doubt the trustworthiness of the Bible? Why are sermons like what we heard this week important for us to gain confidence in the Bible?
- Pastor Scott provided three viable solutions to the apparent discrepancy between Matthew and Luke.
  1. Both lines are from Joseph, but they are different because of the custom of Levirate marriage.
  2. Both lines are from Joseph, but Matthew's list is legal while Luke's list is biological.
  3. Matthew details Joseph's family line while Luke details Mary's line.Which solution do you tend to lean toward? Why?
- Luke could have inserted the genealogy of Jesus anywhere in the text. Matthew began his gospel with a genealogy. Why do you think Luke placed it here, immediately after his baptism and before the temptation in the wilderness?
- We know from the book of Acts that Paul & Luke spent a lot of time together. Luke was the only one with Paul during his final imprisonment (see 2 Timothy 4:11). Luke may have been working on his genealogy just after Paul had finished Romans 5. Take a minute to read Paul's description of Adam and Christ in Romans 5:12-21. How might this text have influenced the way that Luke wrote his genealogy?

