

LESSON THREE: WHY DON'T THE GENEALOGIES MATCH?
(PART TWO—LUKE 3:23-38)

1. What did Luke say about his Gospel account in Luke 1:1-4? _____

2. Was Luke certain of the names and order in the genealogy he listed? _____
3. Who does Luke's genealogy appear to go through after Jesus? _____
4. Why does this pose a problem? _____

5. What are some of the differences between Luke and Matthew's genealogies of Jesus?

6. If Luke's genealogy is Joseph's line, what does that say about Jesus' claim to be king?

7. Is it likely that Luke and Matthew would give a genealogy with the same people, but never use the same name for most of them (i.e., Matthew calls each person by one name, and Luke calls each one by another name)? _____
8. What are the two main sections of Luke's genealogy that pose the difficulties? _____

9. After Joseph, who is the next person who appears in both genealogies? _____
10. Of the six difficulties we mentioned in class, which is the most troubling to you and why? _____

11. Which of the six do you find to be the least noteworthy or easy to explain, and why?

12. What is the problem with the suggestion that Matthew gives the royal line and Luke gives the priestly line? _____

13. Does the Bible ever call someone “the son of” an adopted parent? _____ Who?

14. Is it *possible* to understand Luke’s genealogy as including adoptive parents? _____

15. Which two people would have to be adopted in the genealogy for it to make sense?

16. What is the main objection to Luke’s genealogy tracing Jesus’ lineage through Mary?

17. Does the idea that this is Mary’s genealogical history remove the difficulties that arise from the differences in Luke and Matthew’s lists? _____

18. Do you think the first attempt (rearranging the parentheses in Luke 3:23) is a good way to prove Luke is tracing Jesus’ line through Mary? _____ Why or why not? _____

19. Do you think the second attempt (Joseph is called “son of” because he is the son *in-law*) is a good way to prove Luke is tracing Jesus’ line through Mary? _____ Why or why not? _____

20. What are some possible purposes for Luke giving his genealogy? _____

21. After Zerubbabel and Shealtiel, who is the next person we know anything about?

22. The Israelites are called *Hebrews* because of which ancestor of Jesus? _____

23. Name one interesting thing about Shem. _____

24. How did God describe Noah in Genesis 6:9? _____

25. What does *Methuselah* mean? _____

26. Who were the four *righteous* individuals whose earthly end was orchestrated and carried out by God? _____

27. Opinion: Adam—righteous or not? _____

28. Who is at the head of the entire genealogy? _____