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# THE TWO GENEALOGIES & PREFACES

### THE TWO GOSPEL GENEALOGIES

## Matthew's Genealogy (Matt. 1:1-17)

### OVERVIEW

"The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham:" (Matthew 1:1)

- He begins with Abraham and goes forward in time to Joseph
- He gives the royal line of Joseph
- He traces this line through Solomon, David's first son
- His list includes forty names

#### **OUTLINED**

- 1. From Abraham to David (1:2-6)
- 2. From Solomon to Jehoiakim (Jechonias) (1:7-11)
- 3. From Shealtiel to Jesus (1:12-16)

# Luke's Genealogy (Luke 3:23-38)

### **OVERVIEW**

"Now Jesus Himself began His ministry at about thirty years of age, being (as was supposed) the son of Joseph, the son of Heli" (Luke 3:23)

- He begins with Joseph and goes backward in time to Adam
- He gives the racial line of Mary
- He traces this line through Nathan, David's second son
- His list includes seventy-four names

### **OUTLINED**

- 1. From Jesus, the legal son of Joseph, to Nathan, the biological son of David (3:23-31)
- 2. From Obed, the son of Boaz, to Adam, the son of God (3:32-38)

# THE TWO GOSPEL PREFACES

### Luke's Preface

# Luke introduces Jesus as the earthly Son of Man:

"Inasmuch as many have taken in hand to set in order a narrative of those things which have been fulfilled among us, <sup>2</sup> just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word delivered them to us, <sup>3</sup> it seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write to you an orderly account, most excellent Theophilus, <sup>4</sup>that you may know the certainty of those things in which you were instructed.

<sup>5</sup>There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judea, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the division of Abijah. His wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elisabeth." (Luke 1:1-5)

### John's Preface

#### John introduces Jesus as the eternal Son of God:

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. <sup>4</sup>In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup>And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it." (John 1:1-5)