

### **Your Roots & King Jesus (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.*

*(21) For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. (22) For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ... (45) Thus it is written, "The first man Adam became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. (46) But it is not the spiritual that is first but the natural, and then the spiritual. (47) The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. (48) As was the man of dust, so also are those who are of the dust, and as is the man of heaven, so also are those who are of heaven. (49) Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven. (1Cor 15:21-22, 45-49)*

*(14) Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come. (15) But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. (16) And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. (17) For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ. (18) Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. (19) For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. (20) Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, (21) so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. (Rom 5:14-21)*

*(11)...the LORD declares to you (David) that the LORD will make you a house. (12) When your 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. (13) He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. (2Sam. 7:11-13)*

1. Jesus Christ of Nazareth is the central figure of human history. The Bible is all about Him. God wants us to understand accurately who Jesus is, what He has done, where He came from, and what He will do in the future. Do you have a Jesus-centered understanding of life and reality? Do you live a Jesus-centered life?
2. Jesus was born to the virgin Mary, grew as a child, entered into manhood at 13, began working as a carpenter, all the while continuing to grow physically, spiritually, socially, and intellectually. Eventually, at age 30, Jesus moved from

his vocation as a carpenter and went into full time ministry. Jesus certainly ministered for God to people before this time, but it was now that He did this in a full time capacity. Jesus went from childhood, to manhood and work in a trade, and then into full-time vocational ministry. Jesus sought to fulfill God the Father's purpose for Him while He was here on earth. Retirement into a lifestyle of complete leisure and laziness was not an option for Jesus, nor should it be an option for us. We might have the privilege of being able to retire one day, but that should only free us up to serve in ministry to even greater degrees. Our bodies might be older by that time, but we can still love and glorify God, lovingly making Jesus known and making disciples, among the people of the world. Are you committed to this kind of life? Are you living fully for Jesus? Are you wasting your life?

3. 30 years of age was a common time for people in Scripture to move into significant leadership roles. You see this among prophets, priests, and kings (Ezekiel, Levites, David, Joseph, etc.). Jesus is the great and perfect prophet, priest, and king. Jesus is the real hero, not those in the past.
4. There are many genealogies in the Bible, and each one is very important. Many believe this genealogy traces Jesus' family line through His mother Mary. Matthew, in his gospel, traces Jesus' family tree through Joseph, Jesus' adopted and earthly father. Matthew starts with Abraham and moves to Joseph and then Jesus. Luke starts with Jesus and moves backwards through Mary to Adam, and eventually to God. Both genealogies go back to and through King David and the Patriarch Abraham. These genealogies demonstrate Jesus' rightful place as the eternal heir of King David and the fulfillment of the Davidic Covenant and the Abrahamic Covenant.
5. All humanity is either in Adam or in Christ. To be in Adam is to be born into sin and to be separated from the holy God of the universe because of sin. To be in Christ is to be born again into salvation and united with the holy God of the universe because of Jesus' death on the cross to pay for our sin, and His subsequent victory over death, sin, hell, and Satan in the resurrection from the dead. If you are in Christ you are a new creation. If you are in Christ you are fully forgiven and free. If you are in Christ you are a part of God's special family, He loves you, and has a wonderful plan for your life.
6. Jesus' grandfather on Mary's side was Heli and His grandfather on Joseph's side was Jacob. Who is your grandfather? Have you ever tried to trace your family tree (roots/genealogy)? If you could do it perfectly you would see that we all trace back to the first man Adam, and even before that we can all be traced back to Noah and one of his three sons: Ham, Shem, or Japheth. We will never find our true and full identity until we go back to our true roots as God's creation, His image bearers (the highest of His creation), our original daddy Adam, our true roots in the human "race," and ultimately who we are in Christ. This supersedes whatever we might find out about our mother, father, grandparents, great grandparents, or the past 200 years of our family tree, without unnecessarily minimizing that personal history.
7. When Jesus came He came for all peoples: U.S., South Americans, Mexicans, Canadians, American Indians, Asians, Middle Easterners, Arabs, Jews, Europeans, Africans, Australians, Indians, Antarcitians, etc. Do you love peoples of the world?
8. Luke's genealogy from Heli to David is different from Matthew, but from David to Abraham it is the same. Matthew's genealogy only goes back to Abraham, while Luke's goes back to the first man Adam, and then even refers to the Creator of all people, God. Matthew moves from David to Solomon while Luke moves from David to Nathan.
9. In Luke's genealogy we find names of people who are well known and names of people who are not well known. The roots and family tree of Jesus is made up of both, just like ours probably. Whether we are seemingly unknown or known in the eyes of the world we are well known and loved in the eyes of God, if we will receive that love in Jesus Christ. Jesus identifies with us in every way by becoming a man, the offspring of Adam, while continuing as the eternal Son of God. We find our significance, even as seemingly insignificant people, in Christ alone.
10. Adam is the father of us all according to the flesh. When Adam was created he was without sin. When Adam was tempted he fell into sin, and now all his "children" inherit a sin nature and eternal death.
11. God is the Creator of us all most foundationally. Jesus Christ, God the Son, is the Creator of us all most foundationally. When Jesus entered into the world as a man He had no sin nature and He never sinned after that point. When Jesus was tempted He resisted and was victorious over Satan and sin. Now, all who repent and put their

trust in Christ are justified (declared not guilty), adopted into God's forever family, are united with Christ, and inherit eternal life.

12. Jesus is the greater Adam (man), the greater Noah (new beginning), the greater Abraham (patriarch), the greater David (king), and the great Son of God (eternal).
13. I wish everyone would read and study the Bible to see all of this with me and the millions who have gone before us who have learned the Bible well. Will you commit today to studying the Bible harder than you studied any other subject in school (Math, Science, History, English, Economics, Sports, etc.)? Will you commit yourself even more to being in the great "School of Christ" as His disciple, student, pupil, and friend? I hope so...