



Today's Message

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Title: *Jesus: Son of God, Son of Adam*

Text: Luke 3:23–38 (ESV)

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.

Introduction: Luke placed the genealogy of Jesus in a surprising place in the story. Rather than connecting it with the birth narratives, Luke presents it as the starting point for understanding Jesus' public ministry. Modern readers tend to skip it, but plays an important role in the unfolding of the Gospel of Jesus. It establishes his credentials and foretells the scope of his ministry.

I. The Son of God became one of us . . .

- A. Jesus' ancestry establishes him in history.
- B. Jesus' ancestry connects him with us all.

II. to fulfill the promises of God . . .

- A. Jesus fulfills promises God made to David.
- B. Jesus fulfills promises God made to Abraham.
- C. Jesus fulfills promises God made to Adam.

III. and thus, bring salvation to the world.

- A. Jesus is "the only name *under heaven*" that can save.
- B. Jesus is the subject of a global mission.

Today's take-home truth: Jesus became one of us to fulfill the promises of God and thus, bring salvation to the world.