

## CHRISTMAS MESSAGE 2025

"The Christmas Surprise"

Luke 3:23-38

### INTRODUCTION:

1. In the Christmas story, there is a Christmas Surprise!!!

#### 2. Vs 23

a) What you discover is a long list of names.

1) "Jesus when he began his ministry, was about 30 years of age, being the son (as was supposed) of Joseph, the son of Heli."

#### 3. Vs 38

a) Which was the son of Adam, which was the son of God"

4. So, we know the New Testament begins with a long list of names. (Genealogies)

#### 5. 1 Chronicles 4:9-10

a) That's the prayer of Jabez.

6. There are hidden treasures in these list of names.

#### 7. 1 Timothy 3:16

8. The genealogy of Jesus in **Matthew 1**.

a) Here is that Jesus is a descendant of Abraham and also descendent of David. .

1) That is important to the Jews.

b) In the book of Matthew an emphasis is made upon legal bloodlines of Jesus, his legal right to the Throne.

1) His right as Messiah, the Savior of the world.

9. Luke 3

10. In Matthew we find the Genealogy of Jesus through Davis's son Soloman.

a) In Luke we find the Genealogy of Jesus through David's son Nathan.

### THREE POWERFUL TRUTHS AROUND THREE KEY INDIVIDUALS

#### I. THE FALL AND THE DEPRAVITY OF MAN

- Luke 3:30-38

- Vs 38
  - a) "the son of Adam"
- So, what do we know about Adam?
  - a) In the Garden Adam fell!!!
    - 1) *Genesis 3:1-7*
- So, what happened when Adam fell? (2 Things)

## A. WE INHERITED A SIN NATURE

1. *Romans 5:12, 15*
  - a) We inherit a fallen nature, and now we are sinners by nature.
  - b) We inherited this fallen nature from Adam.
2. *Roman's 5:12*
  - a) Our sin nature is passed to us by our father's!!!

## B. WE ARE SINNERS BY BEHAVIOR

- 1, *Romans 3:23*
2. We all have a sin nature.
3. When we look @ the ancestry of Jesus, we see sinners and every one of them has a story.

## C. WE ARE SINNERS BY CHOICE

1. **HERE'S A SAD FACT!!** - Common Christmas sins:
  - a) Gluttony and Drunkenness
  - b) Greed and Materialism
  - c) Wrath and Pride
  - d) Envy
  - e) Neglecting to keep Jesus **FIRST**
2. **Crime spikes during the Holidays:**
3. When you get saved, you still have the fallen nature you were born with.
  - a) However, when you get saved you get a brand new nature.
  - b) *Romans 7:15-20*

## II. THE NATIVITY - THE BIRTH OF A SAVIOR

### A. JESUS CAME TO BE A RULER

#### 1. *Luke 3:23*

- a) "Jesus, when he began his ministry, was about 30 years of age"

#### 2. *Vs 31*

- a) Jesus was of the lineage of David.

#### 3. *2 Samuel 7:10-16*

- a) Promises of the Davidic Covenant

- 1) A permanent home
- 2) Perpetual house (dynasty) and throne
- 3) A forever kingdom

- b) The dynasty (seed) would flow through David's son Solomon

#### 4. *Matthew 1:6*

- a) "David the king"
- b) "And David was the father of Solomon"

#### 5. When Jesus came, it was to be redeemer and ruler.

- a) He came to be the Messiah of the Jewish people.

### B. JESUS CAME TO BE REDEEMER

#### 1. *Luke 2:11*

- a) "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."

#### 2. That's what Christmas is all about.

- a) We are sinners, but Jesus came into the world to die on the Cross to be our Savior.

#### 3. ALL THIS IS FOUND IN JESUS' GENEALOGY

## III. THE SUPREME AUTHORITY OF GOD

### A. A PROBLEM IN THE KINGS LINEAGE

#### 1. *Jeremiah 22:24-30*

- a) Jechoniah had committed the sins of **idolatry and rebellion** against God

2. God was in absolute control despite how it all appeared.
  - a) Jechoniah/Conia was from the lineage of David through Soloman.
  - b) But because of the curse on Jechoniah that lineage was cut off.

3. **Matthew 1:11**

- a) "Jechoniah" - was one of the last kings of Judah.
  - b) Jechonoah/Coniah
- 1) **Jeremiah 22:30** WOW!!!

4. **QUESTION:** Did you know that Satan reads the BIBLE?

- a) There's no doubt that Satan was thinking, "I've got Him now!!!"

## B. BUT GOD HAD A CHRISTMAS SURPRISE for Satan.

1. **Matthew 1:6**

- a) "and David was the father of Soloman"
  - 1) Soloman was the **legal line** of (Jesus)

2. **Luke 3:31**

- a) "the son of Nathan, the son of David"
  - 1) Nathan was the **bloodline** of Mary the mother of Jesus!!

3. **THAT IS HUGE!!! JUST WHEN SATAN THOUGHT HE HAD GOD!!!**

- a) Satan had his attention on the bloodline of Soloman.
  - b) But God had a **Christmas Secret!!!**
- 1) Jesus would be born of the Virgin Mary.

## CONCLUSION:

1. **Isaiah 7:14**

2. The meaning of Christmas is this.

- a) **Luke 2:8-14**

3. **LISTEN UP:** God had and has a plan in redemptive history.

- a) And he extends an invitation to the lost to be saved.
  - b) And to the saved to trust that God's plan will be fulfilled.