

## 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 David'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 **linage 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) Jeconiah had committed the sins of **idolatry and rebellion** against God

2. God was in absolute control despite how it all appeared.
  - a) Jechoniah/Coniah was from the lineage of David through Solomon.
  - 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) Jechoniah/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 Solomon**"

1) Solomon 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 Solomon.

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.