

CHAPTER 2

BACKGROUND TO THE GOSPELS

Following up on our three premises, let us examine the most important concept introduced by Luke in his introduction. Remember, it's basically his order we will be following throughout this Harmony. Why would he be so emphatic unless he was faced with numerous accounts of the life of Christ and wanted to give us – 21st century Christians – an accurate basis for our understanding of the life of our Savior Jesus Christ. After all, our salvation is based on knowing Christ and what He tried to teach us! His overall goal is to lead many to salvation. We must start with the Truth and not be confused with false teachings.

Section 1. Why we follow Luke's order

Luke 1:1-4

- 1:1** Forasmuch as many have taken in hand to set forth in order a declaration of those things which are most surely believed among us,
2 Even as they delivered them unto us, which from the beginning were eyewitnesses, and ministers of the word;
3 It seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write unto thee in order, most excellent Theophilus,
4 That thou mightest know the certainty of those things, wherein thou hast been instructed.

Knowing first where we are going, Jesus next introduces Himself. These scriptures seem hard to believe! Is Jesus saying He was very God, but gave up all His divinity in order to come to this Earth to show us the way to His Kingdom? Exactly! Even as Genesis 1:26-27 tell us that God made us in the image of Himself, after His likeness, but composed of different material (red mud – not spirit of which He is composed). He told mankind and the entire animal kingdom to reproduce after its kind, because that is *exactly what He is doing!*

Later, in the Book of John He tells us again very emphatically when He prayed to His Father to please bring Him back into the power and glory of the God Family *from whence He came* (John 17:5)! We'll see this very clearly when we come to this Section.

Section 2. John describes Christ as the Word (Spokesman)

John 1:1-18

1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
2 The same was in the beginning with God.
3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.
4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men.
5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.
6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.
7 The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe.
8 He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.
9 That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.
10 He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.
11 He came unto his own, and his own received him not.
12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:
13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.
14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.
15 John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me.
16 And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace.
17 For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.
18 No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

Next, Jesus inspired His biographers to prove that He is the Messiah from the genealogical records, which most all Jews understood. Indeed, on both his biological mother Mary's side and His adoptive or legal father Joseph's side He is a descendent of King David!

Section 3. Matthew's genealogy of Joseph; Luke's, of Mary

Matt. 1:1-17

1:1 The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.
2 Abraham begat Isaac; and Isaac begat Jacob; and Jacob begat Judas and his brethren;
3 And Judas begat Phares and Zara of

Luke 3:23-38

23 And Jesus himself began to be about thirty years of age, being (as was supposed) the son of Joseph, which was the son of Heli,
24 Which was the son of Matthat, which was the son of Levi, which was the son of Melchi,

Thamar; and Phares begat Esrom; and Esrom begat Aram;

4 And Aram begat Aminadab; and Aminadab begat Naasson; and Naasson begat Salmon;

5 And Salmon begat Booz of Rachab; and Booz begat Obed of Ruth; and Obed begat Jesse;

6 And Jesse begat David the king; and David the king begat Solomon of her that had been the wife of Urias;

7 And Solomon begat Roboam; and Roboam begat Abia; and Abia begat Asa;

8 And Asa begat Josaphat; and Josaphat begat Joram; and Joram begat Ozias;

9 And Ozias begat Joatham; and Joatham begat Achaz; and Achaz begat Ezekias;

10 And Ezekias begat Manasses; and Manasses begat Amon; and Amon begat Josias;

11 And Josias begat Jechonias and his brethren, about the time they were carried away to Babylon:

12 And after they were brought to Babylon, Jechonias begat Salathiel; and Salathiel begat Zorobabel;

13 And Zorobabel begat Abiud; and Abiud begat Eliakim; and Eliakim begat Azor;

14 And Azor begat Sadoc; and Sadoc begat Achim; and Achim begat Eliud;

15 And Eliud begat Eleazar; and Eleazar begat Matthan; and Matthan begat Jacob;

16 And Jacob begat Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ.

17 So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from David until the carrying away into Babylon are fourteen generations; and from the carrying away into Babylon unto Christ are fourteen generations.

which was the son of Janna, which was the son of Joseph,

25 Which was the son of Mattathias, which was the son of Amos, which was the son of Naum, which was the son of Esli, which was the son of Nagge,

26 Which was the son of Maath, which was the son of Mattathias, which was the son of Semei, which was the son of Joseph, which was the son of Juda,

27 Which was the son of Joanna, which was the son of Rhesa, which was the son of Zorobabel, which was the son of Salathiel, which was the son of Neri,

28 Which was the son of Melchi, which was the son of Addi, which was the son of Cosam, which was the son of Elmodam, which was the son of Er,

29 Which was the son of Jose, which was the son of Eliezer, which was the son of Jorim, which was the son of Matthat, which was the son of Levi,

30 Which was the son of Simeon, which was the son of Juda, which was the son of Joseph, which was the son of Jonan, which was the son of Eliakim,

31 Which was the son of Melea, which was the son of Menan, which was the son of Mattatha, which was the son of Nathan, which was the son of David,

32 Which was the son of Jesse, which was the son of Obed, which was the son of Booz, which was the son of Salmon, which was the son of Naasson,

33 Which was the son of Aminadab, which was the son of Aram, which was the son of Esrom, which was the son of Phares, which was the son of Juda,

34 Which was the son of Jacob, which was the son of Isaac, which was the son of Abraham, which was the son of Thara, which was the son of Nachor,

35 Which was the son of Saruch, which was the son of Ragau, which was the son of Phalec, which was the son of Heber, which was the son of Sala,

36 Which was the son of Cainan, which was the son of Arphaxad, which was the son of Sem, which was the son of Noe, which was the son of Lamech,

37 Which was the son of Mathusala, which was the son of Enoch, which was the son of Jared, which was the son of Maleleel, which was the son of Cainan,

38 Which was the son of Enos, which was the son of Seth, which was the son of Adam, which was the son of God.

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“The Book of the Generations of Jesus Christ” (The Messiah)

According to Matthew

The Regal Line

(“Throne of His father David”)

According to Luke

The Natural Legal Line

(“The seed of the Woman”)

		GOD
		1 Adam
		2 Seth
		3 Enos
		4 Cainan
		5 Maleleel
		6 Jared
		7 Enoch
		8 Mathusala
		9 Lamech
		10 Noe
		11 Sem
		12 Arphaxad
		13 Sala
		14 Heber
		15 Phalec
		16 Ragau
		17 Saruch
		18 Nachor
		19 Thara
		20 Abraham
The	1 Abraham	21 Isaac
	2 Isaac	22 Jacob
	3 Jacob	23 Judas
14	4 Judas	24 Phares
	5 Phares	25 Esrom
Lay	6 Esrom	26 Aram
	7 Aram	27 Aminadab
Gen-	8 Aminadab	28 Naasson
	9 Naasson	29 Salmon
era-	10 Salmon	30 Boaz
	11 Boaz	31 Obed
tions	12 Obed	32 Jesse
	13 Jesse	

14 David the King (in Hebron 2 Sam. 2:4,11)

33 David

	1 David (the King “over all Israel” 2 Sam. 5:4,5)	
The	2 Solomon (eldest <i>surviving</i> son of Bathsheba)	34 Nathan second son of Bath
	3 Roboam	35 Mattatha
Regal	4 Abia	36 Menan
	5 Asa	37 Melea
14	6 Josaphat	38 Eliakim
	7 Joram the son-in-law of Ahab	39 Jonan
Gen-	Ahaziah his son	40 Joseph
	Joash his grandson	41 Juda
era-	Amaziah his great-grandson	42 Simeon
	8 Oziah	43 Levi
tions	9 Jotham	44 Matthat
	10 Achaz	45 Jorim
	11 Ezekias	46 Eliezer
	12 Manesses	47 Jose
	13 Amon	48 Er
	14 Josias	49 Elmodam
	1 Jechonias	50 Cosam
The	3 Salathiel	51 Addi
	3 Zorobabel	52 Melchi
14	4 Abiud	53 Neri
	5 Eliakim	54 Salathiel
		55 Zorobabel
Lay	6 Azor	56 Rhesa
	7 Sadoc	57 Joanna
		58 Juda
Gen-	8 Achim	59 Joseph
	9 Eliud	60 Semei
		61 Mattathias
era-	10 Eleazar	62 Maath
	11 Mattan	63 Nagge
		64 Esli
tions	12 Jacob	65 Naum
	13 Joseph	66 Amos
		67 Mattathias
		68 Joseph
		69 Janna
		70 Melchi
		71 Levi
		72 Mattat
		73 Heli
		74 (Mary) of whom was born

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JESUS
Who is called “Messiah”
**“The Son of Adam who
was the Son of GOD”**

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A few additional notes may be found in this Appendix that are not included in this reproduction.