

# The Genealogy of Jesus Christ



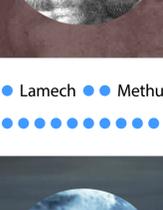
## Human background

*Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham (Mt 1:1)*

## Divine background

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God (Jn 1:1)*

## ADAM

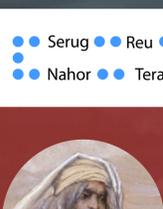


Created by God, Adam is the first man in the Bible. Adam disobeys God in the Garden of Eden, bringing sin and death upon humankind.

(Gn 2:17; Ro 5:12)

Lamech • Methuselah • Enoch • Jared • Mahalalel • Kenan • Enosh • Seth

## NOAH



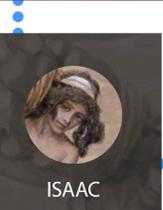
Humanity grows so violent that God destroys the earth in a great flood. The righteous Noah and his family are spared in the safety of an ark.

(Gn 6–9)

Serug • Reu • Peleg • Heber • Shelah • Cainan\* • Arphaxad • Shem

Nahor • Terah • Haran

## ABRAHAM



God chooses childless Abraham to become a father of many nations. The Lord promises to bless all the earth in Abraham—that's what this genealogy is all about.

(Gn 12:1–3; 15:5–6)

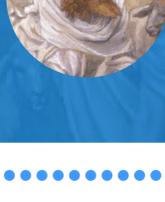


LOT

Moab (don't ask)

## ISAAC

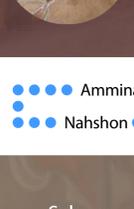
Abraham's heir (Gn 25:5; Gal 4:28)



## JACOB/ISRAEL

God gives Jacob the promises he made to Abraham. Jacob's name is changed to Israel, and his twelve sons become the twelve tribes of the new nation. (Gn 28:13–15; 32:28; 49)

## JUDAH



Jacob prophesies that “the scepter will not depart from Judah.” (Gn 49:10)

## TAMAR

Judah's daughter-in-law ... it's a long story. (Gn 38)

Aminadab • Admin • Ram • Hezron • Perez

Nahshon

## Salmon

His name is fishy but his wife's legit. (Mt 1:5)



## RAHAB

Canaanite prostitute—turned—hero of faith: she protects Joshua's spies. (Jos 2; Heb 11:31)



## BOAZ

A kind, wealthy farmer who provides for his relative Naomi and marries Ruth. (Ru 2–4)



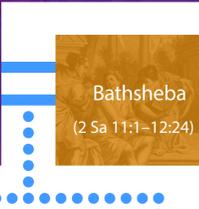
## RUTH

A Moabite widow: she loyally cares for her Hebrew mother-in-law, Naomi. (Ru 1–4)

Jesse • Obed

## DAVID

Shepherd, musician, war hero, king: a man after God's own heart. David commissioned a great temple to the Lord in Jerusalem, and God made an everlasting promise to David: he would always have a descendant on the throne. (1 Ch 17:11–14)



David has eight wives. One of them, Bathsheba, is actually married to someone else, but David sleeps with her and has her husband killed. Bathsheba's son Solomon succeeds David as king, but David has other sons, too. (2 Sa 12:24; 1 Ki 1:28–30)

Bathsheba (2 Sa 11:1–12:24)

## SOLOMON

David's wise son builds the temple of God. (1 Ki 4:5)

Nahshon

### Legal line

The Gospel of Matthew follows this bloodline, showing how Jesus is the true King of the Jews. It probably incorporates ancient Jewish laws for adoption and marriage. We'll call this the “legal” genealogy. (Mt 1:6–17;

- Rehoboam • Abijah • Asa
- Joram • Jehoshaphat
- Ahaziah • Joash

These names don't show up in Matthew's account. (2 Ch 22:1–26:1; Mt 1:8)

- Uzziah • Amaziah
- Jotham • Ahaz • Hezekiah
- Josiah • Amon • Manasseh
- Jehoiakim

### Jecooniah/Jehoiachin

King of Judah who's captured and deported to Babylon (2 Ki 24:12)

### Biological line

Luke uses this line for his gospel, traditionally after consulting the family genealogy Mary kept for her household. This one probably deals more closely with who physically fathered whom. (Lk 3:23–31)

- Mattatha • Nahshon
- Menna • Melea • Eliakim
- Judah • Joseph • Jonam
- Simeon • Levi • Matthat
- Joshua • Eliezer • Jorim
- Er • Elmadam • Cosam
- Neri • Melchi • Addi

### Shealtiel

Whether by marriage, death in the family, adoption, or some combination, the lines merge here. (2 Sa 11:1–12:24)

## ZERUBBABEL

The first governor of Judah after the Babylonian exile. With some encouragement from the prophets, he rebuilds the temple of God. The Lord promises to make him “a signet ring.” (Hag 2:21–23)



- Abihud • Eliakim • Azor
- Eliud • Achim • Zadok
- Eleazar • Matthan
- Jacob

Another merge, possibly due to Jewish laws on marriage, death, and/or adoption.

- Joda • Joanan • Rhesa
- Josech • Semein
- Maath • Mattathias
- Naggai • Hesli • Nahum
- Mattathias • Amos
- Joseph • Jannai
- Matthat • Levi • Melchi
- Heli/Eli

## JOSEPH

A carpenter who weds Mary: Jesus is his legal—not biological—son. (Mt 1:18–2:23)



## MARY

A virgin who conceives. She carries and raises the Savior. (Lk 1:26–2:52)

## GOD the FATHER

*No one has seen God at any time; the only begotten God who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained Him. (Jn 1:18)*

*God has sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him. (1 Jn 4:9)*

## HOLY SPIRIT

*“The Child who has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.” (Mt 1:20)*

*“The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason the holy Child shall be called the Son of God.” (Lk 1:35)*

## The LORD JESUS CHRIST



*“Today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.” (Lk 2:11)*

He's the son of God, the Savior of the world, the Lord of all Creation. Fully God and fully man, he died for our sins, rose from the dead, ministers on our behalf before God the Father, and is coming soon to rule in righteousness and justice. May his name be praised forever!

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