

## **Jesus' Ministry begins**

When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased." Now Jesus himself was about thirty years old when he began his ministry. He was the son, so it was thought, of Joseph, the son of Heli ....., the son of Adam, the son of God.

Luke 3:21-38

# Jesus' Baptism



Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfil all righteousness." Then John consented.

Matthew 3:13-15

**Why?** He had no sin – therefore, no need for repentance.

**It was his identification with us.**

Therefore baptism for us =

our identification with him in his death and resurrection (Rom.6)

# Jesus is filled with the Holy Spirit

**Messiah = Christ = Anointed**

And as he was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove.

John 3:34 For the one whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for God gives the Spirit without limit.



Acts 10:38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

**We need the Holy Spirit just like him!**

# Father's Affirmation



And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

An echo  
of  
Abraham and Isaac

The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "*Abba*, Father."

The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.

Romans 8:15-16

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Now Jesus himself was about thirty years old when he began his ministry.

At 30yrs. A priest begins his work  
(Numbers 4:3)

Joseph was thirty years old when he entered the service of Pharaoh king of Egypt  
Genesis 41:46

David was thirty years old when he became king  
2 Samuel 5:4

**Jesus – our Prophet, Priest and King**



# It's Family – not just a list of names

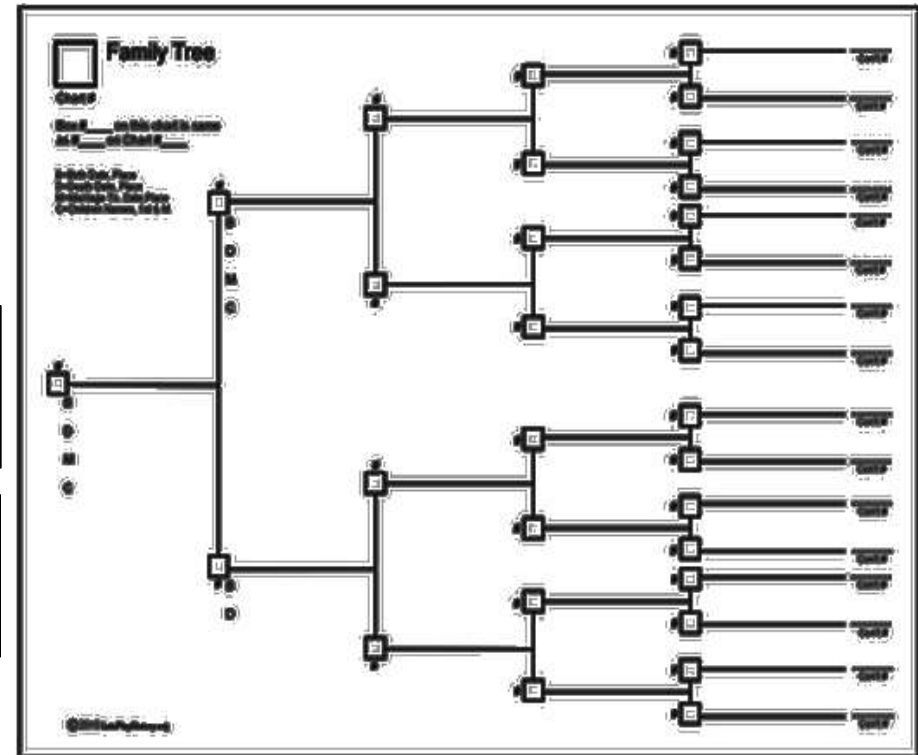
Was Theophilus interested in Jesus' Genealogy?  
Perhaps he was Jewish

He was the son, so it was thought, of Joseph, the son of **Heli**,

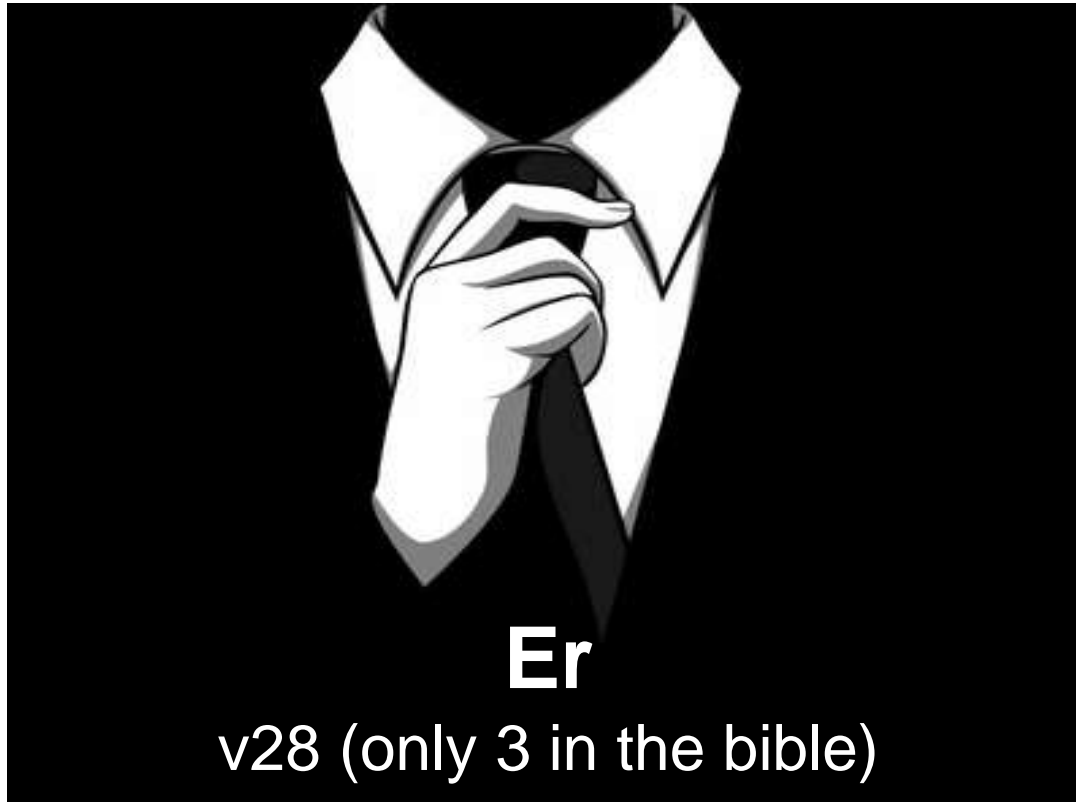
Matthew 1:16 **Jacob** the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary

At least 3 possible explanations:-

- 1, Heli was the father-in-law  
(Luke traces Mary's human line vs. the royal line in Matthew)
- 2, Heli was one of Jacob's other names.
- 3, Jacob or Heli died before having children and his widow married Heli or Jacob (Levirate marriage)



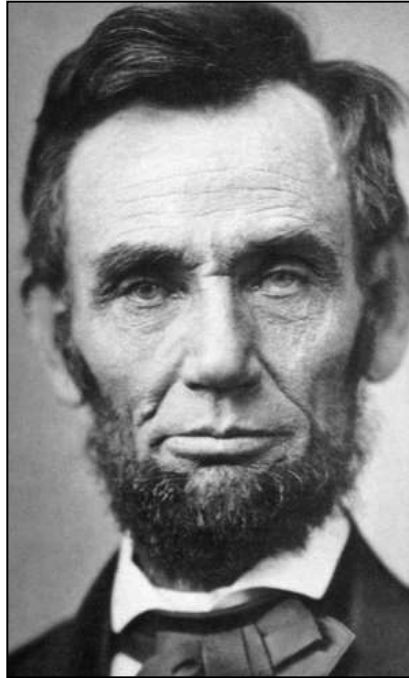
## The 'Unknown' ones



Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called.

Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. 1Corinthians 1:26-27

# The Famous Ones



v27 **Zerubbabel**  
v31 **David, Boaz,**  
v33 **Judah, Jacob, Isaac, Abraham**



## The 'Iffy' Ones



Luke does not really point any out.

(Judah had been a naughty boy)

But Matthew lists several bad kings and says Salmon (v.31) married Rahab the Caananite.

**The 'Good', the Bad and the Ugly ----  
Jesus represents us all in his family background**

# The Extras

Luke goes further back than Matthew, who stops at Abraham.



## From Abraham to Adam

v35 Cainan is EXTRA

*'son of'* or *'father of'* may not be immediate descendant  
cf. Jesus, Son of David

**Jesus is linked to the 1<sup>st</sup> Adam as the head of a new humanity under the 2<sup>nd</sup> 'Adam' - Adam means 'man'**

The first man Adam became a living being;  
the last Adam, a life-giving spirit.

1Corinthians15:45

# How long have we been here?



The total time span from Jesus to Adam has a list of 74 individuals  
Even allowing for very long ages of generations up to Noah's time  
we still have only about 5000 years from Jesus to the beginning.

**Not millions of years**

**– somebody has got it wrong –**

(see ***Answers in Genesis*** about dating methods and assumptions)

***Pick your date according to your theory!***

At present Creationists are in a minority! But the right one!

# Who's your father?

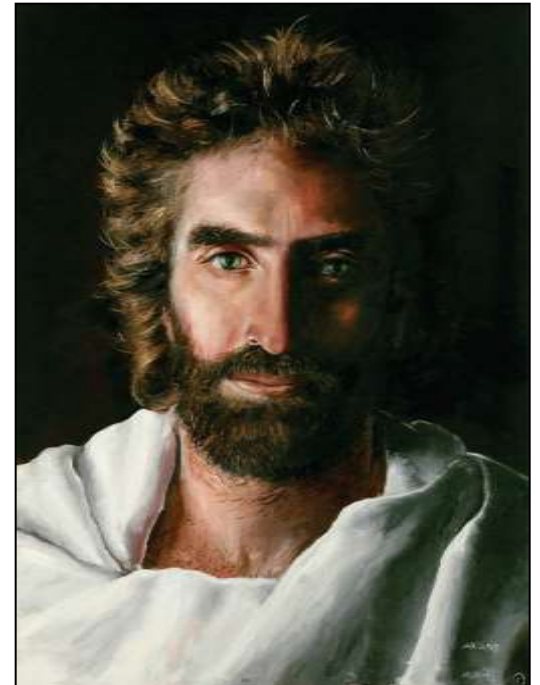


No more genealogies!

This genealogy shows us that Jesus is the Messiah, God's Son And that he identified with us in order to redeem us.

**In Christ there is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.**

Galatians 3:28



It doesn't matter who your father was as long as you have the right one now