

**Word Wednesday Lesson 3: Genealogies – Matthew 1:1-25 (Luke 3:23-38)**

*Glossary:*

- **Adam ( .א.ד.ת.א ):** mankind; ancient sages saw an abbreviation for Abraham (or Adam), David, Messiah.
- **David:** beloved. The same root is used 39 times in Song of Songs. ד=4 and י = 6, so the numerical value of דיי is 14.
- **Jeconiah:** final king of Judah during fall of Jerusalem 586 BC. God “curses” Jeconiah in Jeremiah 22.
- **Nathan:** second surviving son of David and Bathsheba; mentioned in Luke’s genealogy.
- **Solomon:** first surviving son of David and Bathsheba; mentioned in Matthew’s genealogy
- **Ενομίζετο (enomizeto, Luke 3:23):** “so it was thought” or “reckoned as by law”

*Setting for this lesson:*



Nazareth

*Memory: Matthew 1:1 – “Jesus the \_\_\_\_\_, the son of \_\_\_\_\_, the son of \_\_\_\_\_.”*

*In His Dust: Isaiah 51:17: “ \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of man, nor be \_\_\_\_\_ at their revilings.”*

Lesson notes & questions (teaching or videos):

Lesson Reflections (review prior to Apply nights):

What is at least one new thing I learned about loving God or loving my neighbor?

Which topics discussed would I like to know more about, or need clarification on?

How does the Holy Spirit want me to apply the lesson’s Scripture to my discipleship?

(You may wish to spend time in prayer before answering.)



“Go make disciples...teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you” (Mt 28:19-20)

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**APPLY! (30-35 minutes)**

- Share your “Lesson Reflections” responses with the group. Jot down others’ observations.
- The skeptic sees the two “conflicting” genealogies and concludes the Bible can’t be trusted. Read 1 Peter 3:15. How would you as a disciple respond to such an accusation (either specific to the genealogies or the overall reliability of the Bible)?
- Why does Matthew include women and why does he include these specific women? Which woman’s story can you most relate to? What does this teach us about God’s redemption that we can share with others?
- Joseph and Zechariah are described as “righteous.” What does this word mean to you? Read Micah 6:8, Psalms 53:1-3 (quoted in Romans 3:10-12), and Isaiah 64:6-8. Is it possible for us as disciples to behave in such a way that we could be called “righteous”? Why or why not?
- Of all the emotions Joseph might have been feeling at that moment, why do you think the angel told Joseph “Do not fear”? Read Isaiah 51:7. What are some ways Jesus modeled this verse for us?

**GO! (20-25 minutes)**

**What is God saying to you right now and how are you responding?**

Matthew 9:37-38 – the harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few, therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.

**What is something you are excited about right now?**

Psalms 37:4 Delight in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart.

**What is a big challenge you are facing right now?**

Gal 6:2 Bear one another’s burdens and so fulfill the Law of Christ

**Who is on your heart right now and why?**

James 5:13 Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise.

**Review last lesson’s GO section. What prayers has God answered?**

Philippians 4:8 Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

**Pray for one another!**