

As we continue in Luke 3 I want to preface the study by stating how Humble Jesus was and is still to this day... **pride is a desire to present ourselves to others as better than we are, or a least better than other** The only way to combat pride is to gain a strong understanding of your position in Jesus Christ. Your worth and personhood are not determined by those around you. Anytime you base your self-worth on what other people say about you, you set yourself up to act in pride. A humble person knows who they are...neither greater than nor less than other people.

In fact when Jesus describes himself and his attitude hurting toward people He said:

Matt 11:28 Then Jesus said, “Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you. **Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart,** and you will find rest for your souls.

- His heart toward us is **Come to me,** when your doing great ...no not at all...come to me when it is all going south, and your carrying heavy burdens... I HAVE TIME FOR YOU...and time to help you
- for I am humble and gentle at heart... humble and gentle is me...my core... humble...is not condescending.. ...harsh...annoyed...but gentle... gentle people speak life into those they deal with....and I will teach and give you rest...help with your heavy load and bring refreshing for weariness

Jesus was Humble... Humble men have a great advantage over other men... They don't have to defend their pride for they have a strong understanding of their position in Jesus Christ. Their worth and personhood are not determined by those around them. Anytime you base

your self-worth on what other people say about you, you must make yourself important.

- ...nor do they have to claim personal territory to fight over... So they don't have to overreact to people or situations!!! Which enables them to verbalize a gentle response...

today I will give you three examples..of Jesus humble heart toward humans...starting with his Baptism, and looking at some of the messed up people in his family lineage...people that Jesus was not ashamed to have as ancestors... first his baptism...

Luke 3: 21 One day when the crowds were being baptized, Jesus himself was baptized. As he was praying, the heavens opened, ²² and the Holy Spirit, in bodily form, descended on him like a dove. And a voice from heaven said, “You are my dearly loved Son, and you bring me great joy. ²³ Jesus was about thirty years old when he began his public ministry.

When our Lord came up from the water, the Father spoke from heaven and identified Him as the beloved Son of God, and the Spirit visibly came upon Jesus in the form of a dove. **The Triune Godhood were together, but one was in human flesh and was baptized...though he was God.. yet he felt no shame in also identifying with his fellow humans...who were in great trouble**

- **You see Jesus was the most humble child and young man who ever lived...How do we know??? He had no need to promote himself God would promote him!**
- **Well When John baptized him ...he did not previously know Jesus was the messiah... though he knew him since birth and Jesus never let on he was the one...until it was time... humble people know there is a time for**

everything so they can wait...why? Because it is not about them...he waited so people could come to their senses about their need...

- **He had no messiah or Hero complex... though he was both!...Isaiah describes the pre-incarnate Jesus**

NASB ISA 57: 15 For this is what the high and exalted One, Who lives forever, whose name is Holy, says: "I dwell in a high and holy place, And also with the contrite and lowly of spirit, In order to revive the spirit of the lowly (humble) And to revive the heart of the contrite. (repentent)"

- **I live in the highest of Places....and I am comfortable living with the broken, who know they are and want help**

Isah 53 describes the Incarnate Jesus That is so Jesus like!! that the Messiah would be a man of below average looks...completely misunderstood, yet in humility he bore our problems and did not let our judgments sway his actions...

NLT ISA 53:2.... There was nothing beautiful or majestic about his appearance, nothing to attract us to him.

- **Jesus came to earth a somewhat homely person in appearance... God knew looks are pretty much handed to us thru our genes... Jesus carried homily genes... we are the ones who place greater value on it...not God**
- **Majestic appearance means ...pedigree and possessions.. Jesus was not "image conscious." He knew who he was and is completely comfortable in his skin! but there is more**

But there is more!! Luke stops right after the baptism....to give us Mary's ancestry...which is Jesus earthly ancestry.... Why?

- **Luke reminds his readers that the Son of God was also the Son of Man, born into this world, he not only identified with the needs and problems of mankind, his ancestry is full of troubles and damaged people.**

- **Both Matthew and Luke give us Jesus genealogy**
- **Matthew's genealogy begins with Abraham and moves forward to Jesus, while Luke's begins with Jesus and moves backward to Adam. Matthew gives us the genealogy of Joseph, the legal foster-father of Jesus, which the Jews would require...**
- **When you look back in Biblical times, it was a very patriarchal society. Women had very few rights and or privileges; they were seen and not heard. Even still, being Christmas, looking at the life of Christ, he gave purpose and value to women – woman at the well, Mary Magdalene, and so many others. Nonetheless, one of the things I found most interesting and intriguing is found in the very genealogy of Jesus. Women human being mattered! For he is humble and gentle...**
- **While Luke gives us the genealogy of His mother and demonstrates he is the Son of God who came to save all**
*LK 3:23 Jesus was known as the son of Joseph. **Joseph was the son of Heli.**
 24 Heli was the son of Matthat....*

Actually Mary was the daughter of Heli... ..Joseph was a “son” of Heli by virtue of his marriage to Mary, who would have been the daughter of Heli

*Matt 1: 16 **Jacob was the father of Joseph**, the husband of Mary. **Mary gave birth to Jesus**, who is called the Messiah.*

However, in the very lineage of Christ given in the first chapter of Matthew, there are four other women mentioned besides Mary

The point in sharing these stories is one, to see the significance and value of a woman. On the other side, I want to give a brief insight in to how messed up Jesus' family line was. And his past did not bother him at all

First woman on the list is Tamar (Matt 1:3), found in Genesis 38.

Luke 3: 33....Perez was the son of Judah. ³⁴ Judah was the son of Jacob.

Matt 1:3 Judah was the father of Perez and Zerah (whose mother was Tamar). Perez was the father of Hezron.

Both Joseph and Mary come from the line of Judah...Through Tamar

The story of Tamar is a story of incest, sadness and treachery, yet Christ had to come from the tribe of Judah according to Jacob's prophecy

(Genesis 49:10) AS recorded in Genesis 38 that Judah had three sons to a Canaanite woman and the eldest son was Er, to whom he gave Tamar to be his wife.

- **Er was so wicked that the Lord slew him and Tamar was given to Judah's second son Onan as the custom was to raise seed to the deceased older brother...Onan also was wicked and was slain by God**
- **but Judah's third son, Shelah, was too young to marry Tamar so he told her to go home to her father's house, to wear a widows clothes until the third son was old enough to marry her.**
- **However, when Shelah was old enough Judah failed to keep his promise so Tamar covered her face as prostitutes did in those days, and when Judah passed by, she enticed him and asked for a pledge of his signet, bracelet and staff, to guarantee payment for her services.**
- **Later When Judah was told that Tamar, his daughter in law was pregnant and had played the prostitute he demanded that she should be burned. Tamar then produced the items belonging to Judah and his sin was revealed. **The child that was born was Perez who is included in the blood line of Joseph the legal father of the Lord Jesus and lineage of Mary....Messy!!****

Second on the list is Ruth (Matt 1:5) who happens to have a whole book in the Bible dedicated to her. Ruth is the story of family loss and redemption and selflessness.

Luke 3:31.... Jesse was the son of Obed. Obed was the son of Boaz.

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Jesse was the father of King David...**Obed was his dad and the son of Boaz and Ruth....Ruth was not a Jew but a Moabite, a wicked pagan, polytheistic people, the total opposite of the Jewish culture.**

- Her people were descendants of Lot who had an incestuous relationship with his daughters while drunk after Sodom was burned. They worshipped the god Chemosh to whom they burned their children in sacrifice
- **She however married Jew a son of Naomi but was widowed.** Naomi and her husband had left the land of Judah and dwelt in Moab during a time of famine but then **Naomi's husband and two sons had died** leaving three widows, Naomi and two Moabite daughters-in-law.
- **Naomi decided to return her ancestral land in Judah and the daughters-in-law had the choice of going to Judah with Naomi or staying in Moab.**
- **Ruth chose to go with Naomi, but also to trust in the God of Israel.**
- Long story short, with the guidance of her Naomi, she found herself a husband, the kinsman redeemer, Boaz and by the grace of God, Ruth a Moabite was elevated to the genealogy of Christ.

Third on the list is Rahab (Matt 1:5), found in Joshua 2.

Luke 3:31....Boaz was the son of Salmon.¹

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- **Rahab was a Canaanite pagan woman.** ... According to rabbinical tradition, Rahab was considered one of the four most beautiful women in the ancient world. The Canaanites worshipped the gods of Baal and

Asherah which were primarily pagan gods of fertility and closely linked to sexuality. They performed sexual acts in their worship of nature.

- This culture and these people were Rahab's everyday experience... as was a prostitute in Jericho she fit right in.
- Jericho, known as the "City of a Thousand Palms," a beautiful walled city approximately four miles from the Jordan River.
- Jericho was part of the Canaanite nation and part of a group of nations that God wanted Israel to drive out of the land because of their pagan influences.
- Archaeologists say the double walls of Jericho were built 12-15 feet apart. Her home was built into the city wall.(verse 15)
- A dwelling placed on or near the gate to this wall would provide prime real estate for commercial traffic and an opportunity for a business like Rahab's to give a client easy access. The biblical text doesn't tell us why she was in this line of work. But Rahab was defined by her occupation.
- Rahab would've been well informed of the news happening in other places as the crowds came and went. Before attacking Jericho Joshua sent two spies into Jericho...they went to her brothel, From her house, these spies would have been able to assess the strengths and weaknesses of the wall and the city.
- Their presence, though, didn't go unnoticed they were spotted going into Rahab's home. She hid the spies and lied to the king's soldiers. She chooses to put her life in jeopardy to protect these strangers by concealing them and sending the king's men in the wrong direction



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These are Jesus family and they are mine...and I fit right in!!

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- **listen to what John said...the day after Jesus baptism...**

JN 1: 29 **The next day** John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰ He is the one I was talking about when I said, ‘A man is coming after me who is far greater than I am, for he existed long before me.’ ³¹ **I did not recognize him as the Messiah....**

³³ **I didn’t know he was the one**, but when God sent me to baptize with water, he told me, ‘The one on whom you see the Spirit descend and rest is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’ ³⁴ **I saw this happen to Jesus, so I testify that he is the Chosen One of God.”**

- **John was Jesus’s cousin... Jesus obviously did not act like he was the Messiah...he was good old Jesus ...a child growing up...**

- *Isa 53:3* **He was despised and rejected—a man of sorrows, acquainted with deepest grief. We turned our backs on him and looked the other way. He was despised, and we did not care.**

- **He was despised, treated with little importance, and often rejected.. Because we did not think he was like us, we were better ...so he did not add any value to us.....**


But it was all about us, everything he did was for us...humble and gentle
⁴ **Yet** it was our weaknesses he carried; it was our sorrows that weighed him down. And we thought his troubles were a punishment from God, a punishment for his own sins!

Jesus would not let people or their opinions govern his purpose.


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- who protected the spies of Israel as they were preparing to demolish her city, Jericho. The Israelites have set up an encampment seven miles east of the Jordan River and situated across the river from Jericho near the Acacia Grove. ([Joshua 2:1](#) ; [3:1](#) )
- Jericho, known as the "City of a Thousand Palms," is one of the oldest cities on earth dating back to the 8th millennium BCE. At that time, the city was located in a fertile area in the southern portion of the Jordan Rift Valley. This location placed Jericho approximately four miles from the Jordan River.
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we will start with Luke records Mary ancestry under Joseph... not normal for the time...

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Luke puts Mary first on his list, the very mother of Jesus – a young girl minding her business, when an angel of the Lord came and interrupted her life, so much in so she was pregnant before she got married. Back then, that was a social no no...she would carry social/religious stigma her whole life.

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Looking through Scripture, in nearly all of the genealogies listed in both the old and new testament, there are rarely women listed. It's mostly “the son of the father ”

Luke gives us the lineage of Jesus from Mary's family line... who was also a descendent of David... how do we know this??

- **Jesus genealogy reveals that both Joseph and Mary were of King David's line, proving that Jesus of Nazareth has the legal right to David's throne as the Messiah**
- **This is the first of three recorded occasions when the Father spoke from heaven. The second was when Jesus was transfigured (Luke 9:28–36), and the third was during His last week before the cross (John 12:28).**
- **Luke beginning with Heli Mary's father...though place under Joseph often a man would also inherit the lineage of His wife...this is her lineage as to birth and works backward to Adam the first man.**

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³³ ...Hezron was the son of Perez. Perez was the son of Judah.

³⁴ Judah was the son of Jacob. Jacob was the son of Isaac.

Isaac was the son of Abraham.

36... the son of Shem, the son of Noah, the son of Lamech,

38... the son of Seth, the son of Adam,

the son of God.