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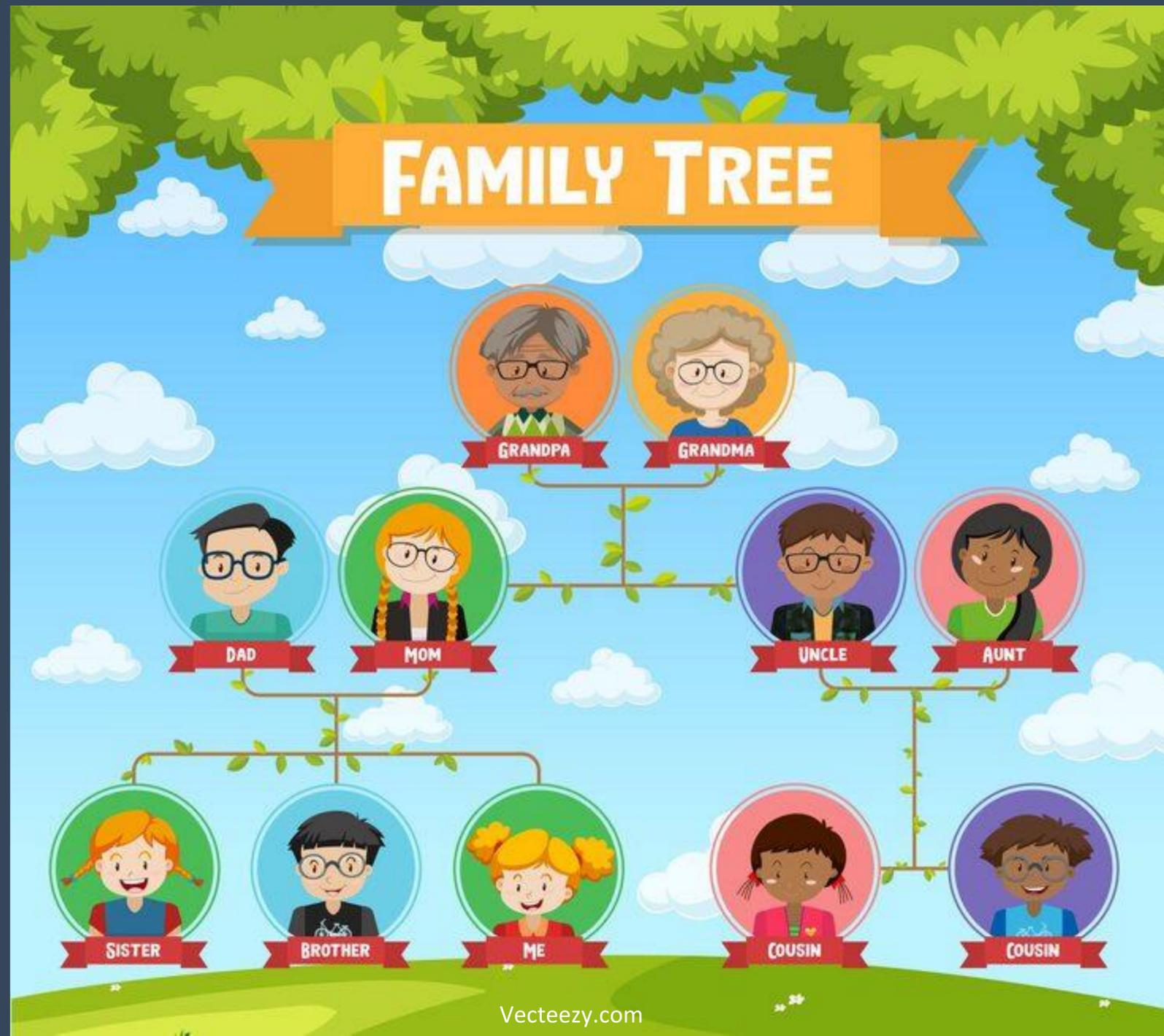
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The Genealogy & Temptation of the Son of Man

Luke 3:23 – 4:13

The Genealogy of the Son of Man, Luke 3:23-38



LUKE, OUTLINE

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Why is Christ's genealogy important? (adapted from Bible.org)

- It provides a clear and detailed account of Jesus' lineage.
- It fulfills Old Testament prophecies about the coming Messiah from David's line (2 Sam. 7:12-16; Luke 1:31-33; Isa 9:6,7).
- It connects Jesus to the Israelites.
- It highlights His role as the Second Adam & Savior (Rom. 5:12-19)
- Luke gives the genealogy of Jesus through the line of Mary, His earthly mother. 3:23 doesn't say He was the son of Joseph, but "being supposedly son of Joseph," another indicator of the virgin birth. Joseph was Jesus' legal father, not His natural father

In Matthew's genealogy of Jesus that is traced through the line of Joseph, Jeconiah or Coniah, aka king Jehoiachin, is mentioned twice in Matt 1:11,12. This would be a real problem if Jesus was the natural born son of Joseph because there was a curse pronounced on wicked king Jehoiachin or Coniah in Jeremiah 22:30 "Thus says the LORD, 'Write this man down childless, a man who will not prosper in his days; for no man of his descendants will prosper sitting on the throne of David or ruling again in Judah.'"

“By putting the genealogy here, Luke reminded his readers that the Son of God was also the Son of man, born into this world, identified with the needs and problems of mankind. And, since Joseph and Mary were both in David’s line, these genealogies prove that Jesus of Nazareth has the legal right to David’s throne (Luke 1:32–33).” Warren Wiersbe

The Temptation of the Son of Man, Luke 4:1-13

4:1 “And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led about by the Spirit in the wilderness”



Luke 3:22 “and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in bodily form like a dove, and a voice came out of heaven, ‘You are My beloved Son, in You I am well-pleased.’”



4:2 “for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And He ate nothing during those days; and when they had ended, He became hungry.”

* Could Jesus have sinned?

2 Corinthians 5:21 “He knew no sin”

1 Peter 2:22 “He committed no sin”

1 John 3:5 “In Him there is no sin”

Since Jesus is God and could not sin, then how could the temptations be genuine?



Why was Jesus tempted?

“The purpose of the temptation was not to see if Jesus would sin, but to prove that even under tremendous pressure He could do nothing but obey the Word of God.” Bill M.

Heb. 2:17-18: “Therefore, He had to be made like His brethren in all things, that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For since He Himself was tempted in that which He has suffered, He is able to come to the aid of those who are tempted.”

Heb. 4:15 “For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin.”

Luke 4:3 “And the devil said to Him, ‘If You are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread.’”

Genesis 3:6 “When the woman saw that the tree was good for food...”

1 Jn. 2:16 “For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world.”

Luke 4:4 “And Jesus answered him, It is written, ‘Man shall not live on bread alone.’” Matt. 4:4 gives a fuller response “...but on every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.”

John 4:34 “My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me”.

Luke 4:5,6 “And he led Him up and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. And the devil said to Him, ‘I will give You all this domain and its glory; for it has been handed over to me, and I give it to whomever I wish.’”



Traditional site of the Mount of Temptation

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Did Satan have the right to give all the kingdoms of this world to whomever he wished?

- Satan is called, “the ruler of this world” (John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11)
- “the god of this age” (2 Cor. 4:4),
- “the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one” (1 Jn. 5:19).

God the Father had already promised to give the kingdoms of the world to His Son in Psalm. 2:7–8:

“I will surely tell of the decree of the LORD: He said to Me, 'You are My Son, Today I have begotten You. Ask of Me, and I will surely give the nations as Your inheritance, and the very ends of the earth as Your possession.’”

When Jesus returns as King of kings (Rev. 19:16), then “the kingdoms of this world” will become His as seen in Rev. 11:15:

“And the seventh angel sounded; and there arose loud voices in heaven, saying, ‘The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ; and He will reign forever and ever.’”

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1 John 2:15-17 warns us: “Do not love the world, nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world. And the world is passing away, and *also* its lusts; but the one who does the will of God abides forever.”

Luke 4:7 “Therefore if You worship before me, it shall all be Yours.”

4:8 “And Jesus answered and said to him, ‘It is written, ‘You shall worship the Lord your God and serve Him only.’”

Luke 4:9 “And he led Him to Jerusalem and had Him stand on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, ‘If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down from here’”



Pinnacle of the Temple digbible.org

Luke 4:10 “For it is written, ‘He will give His angels charge concerning You to guard You,’”

11 “And, ‘On *their* hands they will bear You up, lest You strike Your foot against a stone.’”

12 “And Jesus answered and said to him, ‘It is said, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’” quoting Deut. 6:16

13 “And when the devil had finished every temptation, he departed from Him until an opportune time.”

What are some things we can do to deal with temptation when it comes?

1) Psalm 119:9-11 "How can a young man keep his way pure? By keeping *it* according to Your word. With all my heart I have sought You; do not let me wander from Your commandments. Your word I have treasured in my heart, that I may not sin against You."

NKJV of vs 11: "Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You."

2) Matt. 26:41 "Keep watching and praying that you may not enter into temptation; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."

3) Rom 13:14 “But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh in regard to its lusts.”

4) 2 Tim 2:22 “Now flee from youthful lusts (separate from) and pursue (separate to) righteousness, faith, love and peace, with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.”

5) 1 Cor 10:13: “No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, that you may be able to endure it.”



When tempted, don't think about the temptation itself, think about its consequences!

1John 1:9 "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

Prov 28:13: "He who covers his sins will not prosper: but whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy."