

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE CHURCH (IBC) LINZ

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...then you shall know the truth and the truth will set you free Jn.8:32

SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTLINE

15.05.16

Theme: The Ancestry of the King -Jesus

Memory verse: *Mathew chapter twenty-two verses forty-one and forty-two:
“While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, Saying, What Think ye of Christ? Whose son is he? They say unto him, the son of David”.*

Text Mathew 1: 1-17, Luke 3: 23-38.

Nothing concerning Christ is irrelevant not even the minute details of his ancestry. Why would God by His spirit devote so much space in listing the genealogy of Christ, if it were not intended to teach us valuable lessons? Christ's genealogy is filled with deep spiritual lessons and Grace is the essential character of His life and ministry. “For the Law was given by Moses, but Grace and Truth came by Jesus Christ” (John 1: 17).

Grace is undeserved mercy, unmerited favour. The Golden straight line of grace runs through Christ's ancestry. First, He descended from a long line of junior ones. He was “the son of David” the youngest child of Jesse whom no one seemed to reckon with. Several other names of younger children appear in Christ's ancestry. Jacob younger to Esau, Solomon David's younger child by Bathsheba. Such is the way of God's matchless and wonderful grace. It reaches the unlikely, lifts the unworthy and saves the ungodly.

A second run-down of the genealogy records of another celebration of Grace. Four women made the list; only God and His Grace could do anything with all the four. Tamar, an adulterer (Genesis 38:12-26, Mathew 1:3) Rahab the harlot and a gentile (Joshua 6:17,25, Mathew 1:5, Hebrews 11:31). Ruth a Moab- a citizen of an accursed gentile nation (Ruth 1:4, 4:13,17, Deuteronomy 23:3-6, Mathew 1:5 and finally Bathsheba the seducer by whom David's only black spot was found (1 king 15:5 Mathew 1: 6). This is Grace in full bloom. To think that these unmerited people would be used by God for the birth of Jesus Christ. All these factors silence anyone who boasts of his birth background. Equally note worthy is the fact that both Jews and Gentiles took part in Christ's ancestry and this signifies that He is the Saviour of both the Jews and the Gentiles!

Questions:

1. Why did God devote space to list the Genealogy of Jesus?
2. How do you see the birth of Jesus?
3. Who are the people God used for the birth of Jesus?
4. Read Ephesians 3: 8 and relate it to our study.