

# Luke 3:24

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Which was the son of Matthat, which was the son of Levi,  
which was the son of Melchi, which was the son of Janna,  
which was the son of Joseph,

## Analysis

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**Which was the son of Matthat, which was the son of Levi**—Luke's genealogy (Luke 3:23-38) traces Jesus's lineage through Mary's line via Nathan (David's son), while Matthew's traces Joseph's legal line through Solomon. The Greek phrase *huios* (υἱός, son) appears repeatedly, establishing Jesus's legal humanity and fulfillment of messianic prophecy requiring Davidic descent.

This genealogical section (vv. 24-38) moves backward through lesser-known ancestors between David and Abraham, documenting the human lineage God sovereignly orchestrated across centuries. Unlike Matthew's stylized three-fold structure (14 generations each), Luke presents a comprehensive historical record emphasizing Jesus's connection to all humanity through Adam.

## Historical Context

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Luke, writing for a Gentile audience (likely Theophilus), provides a complete genealogy tracing Jesus back to Adam rather than stopping at Abraham as Matthew does. These intermediate names between David and Abraham were preserved through Jewish genealogical records, though many individuals remain otherwise unknown in Scripture.

## Related Passages

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**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

## Study Questions

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1. How does Jesus's genealogy through otherwise unknown individuals encourage you about God's use of ordinary people in His redemptive plan?
2. What does Luke's tracing of Jesus back to Adam (rather than just Abraham) reveal about the scope of Christ's redemptive mission?
3. How does God's faithful preservation of this lineage over generations demonstrate His sovereignty in fulfilling His promises?

## Interlinear Text

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τοῦ G3588	Ματθαῖ, G3158 <b>Which was the son of Matthat</b>	τοῦ G3588	Λευὶ G3017 <b>which was the son of Levi</b>	τοῦ G3588
	Μελχὶ G3197 <b>which was the son of Melchi</b>	τοῦ G3588	Ἰαννᾶ, G2388 <b>which was the son of Janna</b>	τοῦ G3588
	Ἰωσὴφ G2501 <b>which was the son of Joseph</b>			

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