

January 2

Roots

A shoot will come out of the stock of Jesse,
and a branch out of his roots will bear fruit. – Isaiah 11:1

[Matthew 1:1-17] The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ the son of David, the son of Abraham. Abraham – Isaac – Jacob – Judah and his brothers – Perez and Zerah by Tamar – Hezron – Ram – Amminadab – Nahshon – Salmon – Boaz by Rahab – Obed by Ruth – Jesse – King David – Solomon by her who had been the wife of Uriah – Rehoboam – Abijah – Asa – Jehoshaphat – Joram – Uzziah – Jotham – Ahaz – Hezekiah – Manasseh – Amon – Josiah – Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the exile to Babylon. After the exile to Babylon, – Shealtiel – Zerubbabel – Abiud – Eliakim – Azor – Sadoc – Achim – Eliud – Eleazar – Matthan – Jacob – Joseph, the husband of Mary, from whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ.

So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; from David to the exile to Babylon fourteen generations;

and from the carrying away to Babylon to the Christ, fourteen generations.

[Luke 3:33-38] Jesus himself, when he began to teach, was about thirty years old, being the son (as was supposed) of Joseph - Heli - Matthat - Levi - Melchi - Jannai - Joseph - Mattathias - Amos - Nahum - Esli - Naggai - Maath - Mattathias - Semein - Joseph - Judah - Joanan - Rhesa - Zerubbabel - Shealtiel - Neri - Melchi - Addi - Cosam - Elmodam - Er - Jose - Eliezer - Jorim - Matthat - Levi - Simeon - Judah - Joseph - Jonan - Eliakim - Melea - Menan - Mattatha - Nathan - David - Jesse - Obed - Boaz - Salmon - Nahshon - Amminadab - Aram - Hezron - Perez - Judah - Jacob - Isaac - Abraham - Terah - Nahor - Serug - Reu - Peleg - Eber - Shelah - Cainan - Arphaxad - Shem - Noah - Lamech - Methuselah - Enoch - Jared - Mahalaleel - Cainan - Enos - Seth - Adam - God.

1. Why is David before Abraham in the opening? Why list >7 non-direct male ancestors?
2. Why does Matthew only list 41 names? Why the post-Davidic discrepancy with Luke?
3. Jesus, I'm so glad you were born of a human mother in the line of David so that...