

REL 1310 – Christian Scriptures

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Jesus' Genealogies

Matthew

- Placed at the very beginning of the book, before Jesus is born.
- Works chronologically, going from older ancestor to Jesus.
- Traces Jesus back to prominent Jewish leaders
- Includes **Abraham, Isaac, Jacob (from Genesis), Rahab (from Joshua), Boaz, Ruth (from Ruth), King David (from 1 & 2 Samuel), Solomon (from 2 Samuel & 1 Kings), Joseph and Mary (Jesus' parents)**
- Includes 4 non-Israelite women: (Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, and Bathsheba (referred to as 'the wife of Uriah')
 - o Tamar was a Canaanite.
 - o Rahab was a Canaanite.
 - o Ruth was a Moabite.
 - o Bathsheba was the wife of Uriah, who was a Hittite.
 - o The author of Matthew included these women in Jesus' genealogy and highlighted them to show that Jesus is not from 100% pure Jewish descent. By doing this, the author is showing the audience that Jesus is not just the savior of the Jews, but the savior of the world as a whole.

Luke

- Placed at the end of chapter 3, after Jesus had grown up.
- Works backwards chronologically, going from Jesus to his older ancestors.
- Traces Jesus not back to just Abraham, but all the way back to Adam. The author of Luke also did this to show that Jesus is the savior of the entire world, since he is an ancestor of the first person in the world.