

JESUS, SON OF DAVID THROUGH TWO LINES OF DESCENT

Jesus as son of David

2 Sam 7:12-13 [God's promise to King **David**] "When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your **offspring** after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. (13) He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom **forever.**"

Matt 9:27 As Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed him, crying loudly, "Have mercy on us, **Son of David!**"

Matt 12:23 All the crowds were amazed and said, "Can this be the **Son of David?**"

Matt 22:42 [Jesus to the Pharisees] "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The **son of David.**"

Rom 1:1-7 Paul, a servant of **Jesus** Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the **gospel** of God, (2) which he **promised** beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, (3) the **gospel** concerning his **Son**, who was **descended from David according to the flesh** (4) and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord...

Jesus' line through David, Solomon

Matthew 1:1-17 An account of the genealogy of **Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham.** (2) **Abraham** was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, (3) and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Aram, (4) and Aram the father of Aminadab, and Aminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, (5) and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, (6) and Jesse the father of King **David.** And David was the father of **Solomon** by the wife of Uriah, (7) and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asaph, (8) and Asaph the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, (9) and

Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, (10) and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos, and Amos the father of Josiah, (11) and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon. (12) And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Salathiel, and Salathiel the father of Zerubbabel, (13) and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, (14) and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, (15) and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, (16) and **Jacob** the father of **Joseph** the husband of Mary, of whom **Jesus** was born, who is called the Messiah. (17).

Jesus' line through David, Nathan

Luke 3:23-38 **Jesus** was about thirty years old when he began his work. He was the son (as was thought) of **Joseph** son of **Heli**, (24) son of Matthat, son of Levi, son of Melchi, son of Jannai, son of Joseph, (25) son of Mattathias, son of Amos, son of Nahum, son of Esli, son of Naggai, (26) son of Maath, son of Mattathias, son of Semein, son of Josech, son of Joda, (27) son of Joanan, son of Rhesa, son of Zerubbabel, son of Shealtiel, son of Neri, (28) son of Melchi, son of Addi, son of Cosam, son of Elmadam, son of Er, (29) son of Joshua, son of Eliezer, son of Jorim, son of Matthat, son of Levi, (30) son of Simeon, son of Judah, son of Joseph, son of Jonam, son of Eliakim, (31) son of Melea, son of Menna, son of Mattatha, son of **Nathan**, son of **David**, (32) son of Jesse, son of Obed, son of Boaz, son of Sala, son of Nahshon, (33) son of Amminadab, son of Admin, son of Arni, son of Hezron, son of Perez, son of Judah, (34) son of Jacob, son of Isaac, son of **Abraham**, son of Terah, son of Nahor, (35) son of Serug, son of Reu, son of Peleg, son of Eber, son of Shelah, (36) son of Cainan, son of Arphaxad, son of Shem, son of Noah, son of Lamech, (37) son of Methuselah, son of Enoch, son of Jared, son of Mahalaleel, son of Cainan, (38) son of Enos, son of Seth, son of **Adam**, son of God.

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Laws of inheritance

Num 27:8-11 [God to Moses] You shall also say to the Israelites, "If a man dies, and has **no son**, then you shall pass his inheritance on to his **daughter**.

Deut 25:5-6 When brothers reside together, and one of them dies and has **no son**, the wife of the deceased shall not be married outside the family to a stranger. **Her husband's brother** shall go in to her, taking her in marriage, and performing the duty of a husband's brother to her, (6) **and the firstborn whom she bears shall succeed to the name of the deceased brother**, so that his name may not be blotted out of Israel.

Ruth 4:9-10 Then Boaz said to the elders and all the people, "Today you are witnesses that I have acquired from the hand of Naomi **all that belonged to Elimelech** and all that belonged to Chilion and Mahlon. (10) I have also acquired **Ruth the Moabite, the wife of Mahlon, to be my wife, to maintain the dead man's name on his inheritance, in order that the name of the dead may not be cut off** from his kindred and from the gate of his native place; today you are witnesses."

Mary's story

Luke 1:26-38 In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, (27) to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the **house of David**. The virgin's name was Mary. (28) And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." (29) But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. (30) The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. (31) And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. (32) He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his **ancestor David**. (33) He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." (34) Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" (35) The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power

of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. (36) And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. (37) For nothing will be impossible with God." (38) **Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word."** Then the angel departed from her. (39) In those days **Mary set out and went** with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, (40) where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.... (46) [**Magnificat**] And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, (47) and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, (48) for he has looked with favor on the **lowliness** of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; (49) for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. (50) His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. (51) He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the **proud** in the thoughts of their hearts. (52) He has brought down the **powerful** from their thrones, and lifted up the **lowly**; (53) he has filled the **hungry** with good things, and sent the **rich** away empty. (54) He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, (55) according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever." (56) And Mary **remained** with her about three months and then **returned to her home**.

Mary:

- no mention of parents or siblings
- gives her own consent (cf. Num 30:9)
- travels alone, no mention of a companion or chaperone
- has one confidante, an elderly cousin
- identifies with the lowly and hungry
- stays with Elizabeth three months, self-directed?
- returns to "her house", not "her father's house" (cf. Gen 24:23)
- ponders the issues privately.

Is Mary a single child, orphaned in young adulthood, the sole heir of her father's house? Is Joseph Mary's kinsman 'redeemer'? If so, Jesus has two legal lines of Davidic descent.