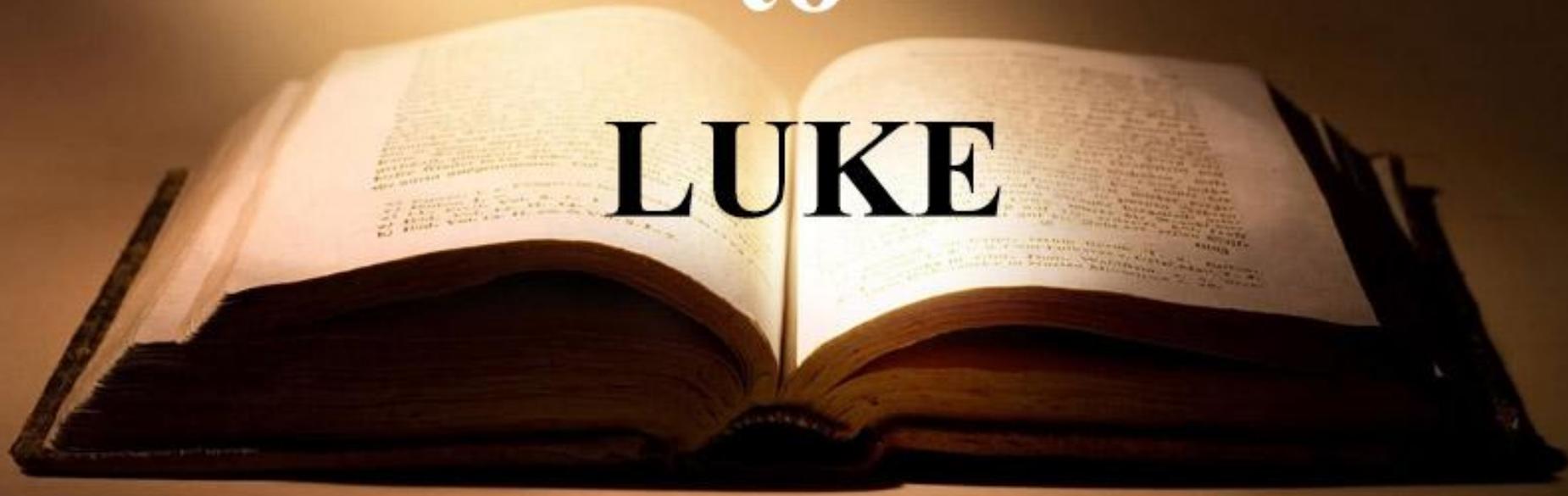


# The Gospel According to

# LUKE



# Outline for this Morning

1. The Gospel as “Good News”
  2. The Gospel in the Old Testament
  3. The 4 Gospels as 4 Unique Portraits of Jesus
  4. Luke’s Gospel as a work of Salvation History
  5. Luke’s Gospel Verses 1:1 to 1:4 “The Prologue”
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**GOSPEL = “Good News”**  
**Evangelion**  
**(in Greek)**

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# Priene Calendar Inscription (9 BC)



## Translation of the Priene Calendar Inscription:

Since Providence, which has ordered all things and is deeply interested in our life, has set in most perfect order by giving us Augustus, whom she **filled with virtue** that he might benefit humankind, **sending him as a savior** both for us and for our descendants, **that he might end war and arrange all things...** and since the birthday of the god Augustus was the beginning of the **good tidings [evangelion]** for the world that came by reason of him...

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# Before the beginning...

All who dwell on the earth will worship him [Jesus]...the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

(Revelation 13:8)

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# **First Glimpses of the Gospel in The Law of Moses**

## **Genesis 3:15 (The Protoevangelium)**

And I [God] will put enmity  
Between you [Satan] and the woman,  
And between your seed and her Seed;  
He shall bruise your head,  
And you shall bruise His heel.

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# **First Glimpses of the Gospel in The Law of Moses**

**Genesis 22:18 (God's Promise to Abraham)**

In your seed all the nations of the earth  
shall be blessed, because you have obeyed  
My voice.

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# **First Glimpses of the Gospel**

## **The Law of Moses**

### **Deuteronomy 18:18 (God's Promise to Moses)**

I will raise up for them a Prophet like you [Moses] from among their brethren, and will put My words in His mouth, and He shall speak to them all that I command Him.

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The 4 Gospels

Corroboration

Not

Collusion

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# The 4 creatures in John's glimpse of Heaven

The first living creature was like a lion, the second living creature like a calf, the third living creature had a face like a man, and the fourth living creature was like a flying eagle. (Revelation 4:7)

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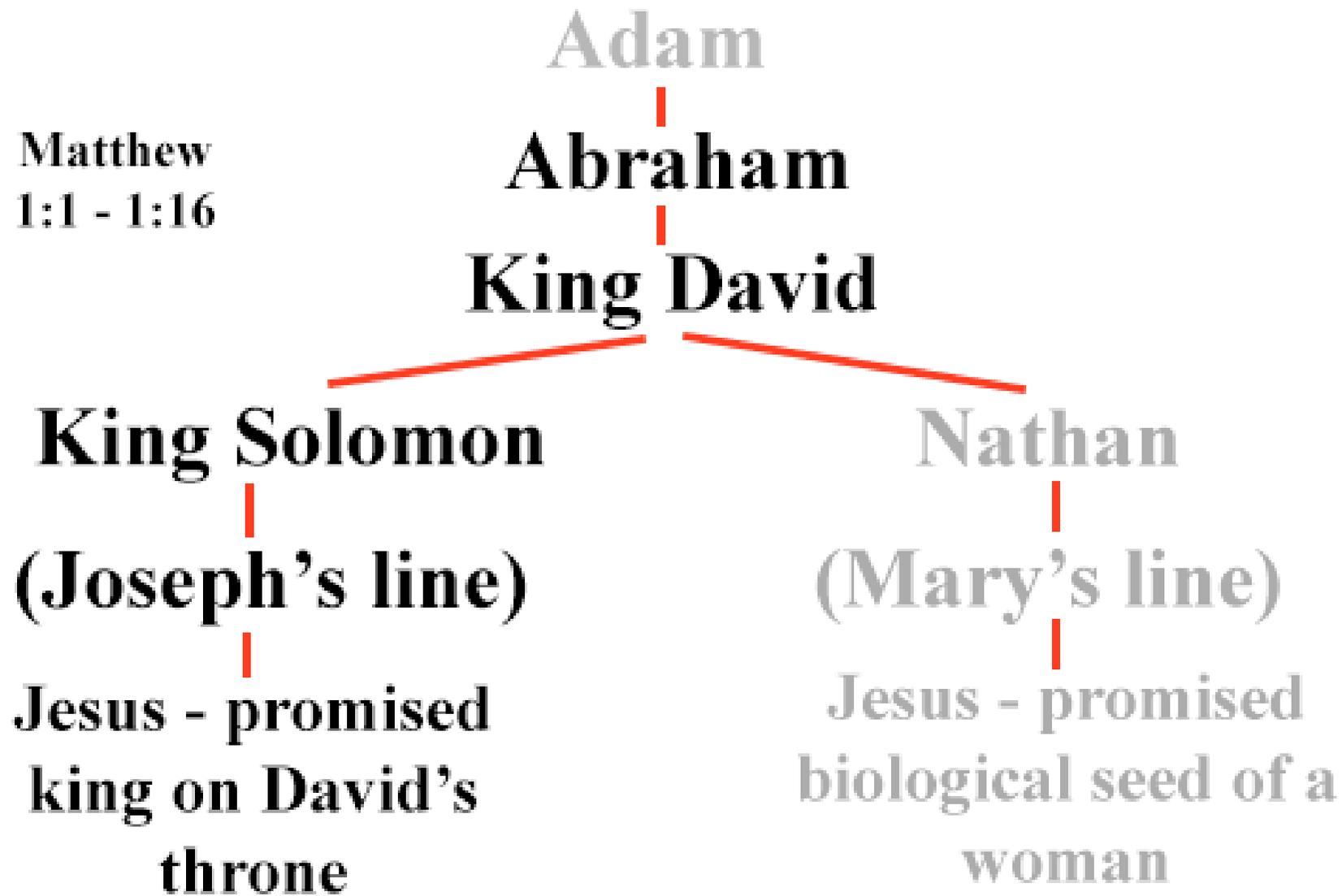
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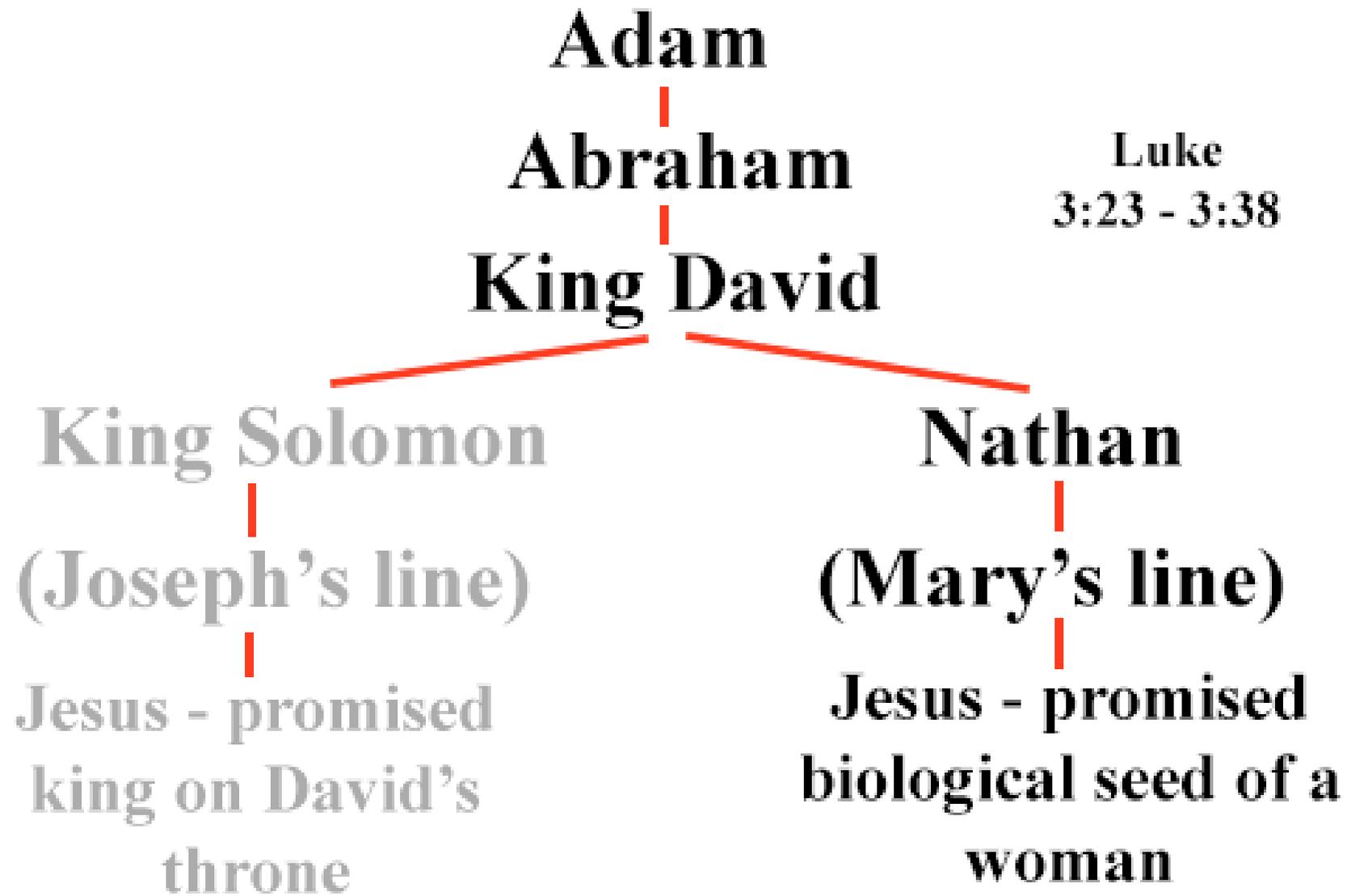
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# The 4 Gospels: a 4-Dimensional Picture of Jesus



# Luke's Gospel as Salvation History

## **Salvation Theology and Historical Accuracy**

A perfect blend of both / without compromise of either

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# **Key verse containing three major themes of Luke's Gospel:**

**“for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.” Luke 19:10**

1. Christ's Humanity - “the Son of Man has come”
  2. Christ's Mission - “to seek and to save”
  3. Christ's Heart - “that which was lost”
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# **The Prodigal Son and The Loving Father (Luke 15:11-32)**

**“[He] was dead and is alive again. He was lost and is found”**



# Luke: The “Universal Gospel”

It was written for:

- 1.) The Gentiles (you and I)
  - 2.) The Samaritans (the despised)
  - 3.) The Poor
  - 4.) The Sinner and the Outcast
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## Luke as a Historian:

"Luke is a historian of the first rank; not merely are his statements of fact trustworthy... [he] should be placed along with the very greatest of historians.

-archaeologist Sir William Ramsay

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## **The Sending of the 70**

“After these things the Lord appointed seventy others also, and sent them two by two before His face into every city and place where He Himself was about to go.” Luke 10:1

**Luke may have been one of “the 70”**

**(according to leading 3<sup>rd</sup> century theologian Hippolytus)**

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## Gospel of Luke: more “orderly” and “comprehensive”

Luke 1:3,4 “it seemed good to me also...to write to you **an orderly account**, most excellent Theophilus, that you may know the certainty of those things in which you were instructed”

Acts 1:1 “The former account I made, Oh Theophilous, of **all that Jesus began both to do and to teach...**”

## Gospel of John: more “selective”

John 20:30-31 “And truly Jesus did many other signs...which are **not written** in this book, **but these are written** that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and **that believing you may have life in His name**”

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“It is most significant that Luke was not satisfied with anyone else’s story of Christ. He must have his own. Real religion is never a second-hand thing. It is personal discovery. Professor Arthur Gossip used to say that the 4 Gospels were important, but beyond them all came the Gospel of personal experience. **Luke had to rediscover Jesus Christ for himself.**” - William Barclay

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THANK YOU!

For the privilege of having been  
able to share with you all.