

# The Lineage of Jesus

Jesus is a real person from a real family who came to bring real grace, rest, and joy for those who follow Him.



The Transformation for Adult LifeGroups

Matthew 1:1-17

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**TODAY'S TEXT**—open your Bible, use a Bible app on your phone, or follow along below

**Text: Matthew 1:1-17**

*This is the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah the son of David, the son of Abraham: <sup>2</sup> Abraham was the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, <sup>3</sup> Judah the father of Perez and Zerah, whose mother was Tamar, Perez the father of Hezron, Hezron the father of Ram, <sup>4</sup> Ram the father of Amminadab, Amminadab the father of Nahshon, Nahshon the father of Salmon, <sup>5</sup> Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab, Boaz the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth, Obed the father of Jesse, <sup>6</sup> and Jesse the father of King David. David was the father of Solomon, whose mother had been Uriah's wife, <sup>7</sup> Solomon the father of Rehoboam, Rehoboam the father of Abijah, Abijah the father of Asa, <sup>8</sup> Asa the father of Jehoshaphat, Jehoshaphat the father of Jehoram, Jehoram the father of Uzziah, <sup>9</sup> Uzziah the father of Jotham, Jotham the father of Ahaz, Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, <sup>10</sup> Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, Manasseh the father of Amon, Amon the father of Josiah, <sup>11</sup> and Josiah the father of Jeconiah and his brothers at the time of the exile to Babylon. <sup>12</sup> After the exile to Babylon: Jeconiah was the father of Shealtiel, Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, <sup>13</sup> Zerubbabel the father of Abihud, Abihud the father of Eliakim, Eliakim the father of Azor, <sup>14</sup> Azor the father of Zadok, Zadok the father of Akim, Akim the father of Elihud, <sup>15</sup> Elihud the father of Eleazar, Eleazar the father of Matthan, Matthan the father of Jacob, <sup>16</sup> and Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary, and Mary was the mother of Jesus who is called the Messiah. <sup>17</sup> Thus there were fourteen generations in all from Abraham to David, fourteen from David to the exile to Babylon, and fourteen from the exile to the Messiah.*

## FIRST THOUGHTS

- What do you know about your genealogy? Who is the most interesting person that you know about from your family tree?
- What would you like to discover about your genealogy that you don't already know?
- What do you know about the ways your ancestors exercised their faith?

## EXPLORE THE TEXT

> Have a volunteer read Matthew 1:1-16

- What titles does Matthew assign Jesus in verses 1 and 16? What is the meaning of each title?
- Luke's genealogy goes back to Adam to emphasize the universality of the gospel (Luke 3:23-38). What is Matthew's point in beginning with Abraham?
- What does Matthew's genealogy of Jesus say to Jewish readers?
- Which people do you recognize in this genealogy? What do you remember about each of these people?
- Do any of the people on the list surprise you? If so, who and why?
- What do we learn about God from the stories of the people in Jesus' genealogy? What impact can this have on your relationship with Him?
- Read Matthew 1:6 and 2 Samuel 7:16. What is the importance of David in Jesus' genealogy?
- How might this aspect of Jesus' ancestry be used in sharing the gospel with others?

- Read verses 3, 5, and 6 again. Why do you think Matthew included four women in addition to Mary in Jesus' genealogy, especially since this was not Jewish custom?
- Take a look at the description of Joseph in verse 16. What does Matthew emphasize about Joseph's relationship to Jesus?

> Have a volunteer read Matthew 1:17

- Throughout all of those generations, God was paving the way for Jesus and proving Himself faithful to His people. What does it mean to you that God's promises are trustworthy over the generations?
- With everything you know about the people in Jesus' family tree, why would Jesus' birth have brought rest and Jubilee?
- How has Jesus brought rest and joy to your life?

## SUMMARIZE AND CHALLENGE

What is the main takeaway for you from reading Matthew's resume for Jesus?

Why is it important to know the genealogy of Jesus?

How can the genealogy in this passage be used in sharing the gospel with others?

## PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK

Next week we will continue looking into the Christmas Story. Read the next set of verses from Matthew 1:18-25.

## READ THROUGH THE BIBLE

**8th** – 1 Timothy 1-4 | **9th** – 1 Timothy 5-6; Titus 1-3 | **10th** – 2 Timothy 1-4 | **11th** – Philemon; Hebrews 1-4 | **12th** – Hebrews 5-8 | **13th** – Hebrews 9-11 | **14th** – Hebrews 12-13; Jude

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TO KNOW GOD AND BE  
CHANGED BY HIM IN A  
WAY THAT WILL CHANGE  
THE WORLD.

### Our Vision:

TO BE A CHURCH FOR  
THE UNCHURCHED,  
HERE AND AROUND  
THE WORLD.

### Adult LifeGroups:

INVITE AND INVEST IN  
THOSE WITHOUT CHRIST.  
CREATE COMMUNITY.  
MAKE DISCIPLES.