

Study of Matthew

Matthew 1:1 – 17

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DISCUSSION QUESTION: How does the genealogy of Jesus prove HE is the Messiah? How does the genealogy of Jesus give you hope for your life?

Today we begin a process of going through the New Testament. I am asking that you bring your Bibles (physically). Not opposed to technology but know that we now live in a time where people will shut down technology that they don't agree with, and our Bible Apps could be quickly taken from us.

Ps 119:10-12 *"With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments. 11 Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee. 12 Blessed art thou, O Lord: teach me thy statutes."* [KJV]

Vs. 24 *"Thy testimonies also are my delight and my counsellors."*

The Gospel of Matthew was written by the tax-collector Levi, whose surname was Matthew. He was called from the tax-collecting to follow Jesus and is numbered among the 12 Disciples. Matthew's writings are first-hand accounts; unlike Luke who depended upon other eyewitnesses.

Matthew wrote to Jews; his writings proved that Jesus is the Messiah spoken of in the Old Testament. Matthew quoted the OT over 50 times in these 26 chapters. Over 15 of those quotations are specifically to show that Jesus is the Messiah.

One of the interesting aspects of Matthew's Gospel is it follows Jesus' life from Galilee to Jerusalem. The story line moves from ministry in the north to the cross in the south.

One of the ways in which Matthew shows that Jesus is Messiah is through genealogy...the Messiah had to be a descendant of Abraham and had also to be in the lineage of David. If Jesus did not fulfill those requirements, then according to the Old Testament HE could not have been the Messiah.

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This genealogy is divided into three sections of fourteen names.

- Abraham to David
- David to the Babylonian Captivity
- Babylonian Captivity to Jesus

The open line of Matthew is concerned with origin/ generation means genesis or beginnings

It doesn't include everyone in the genealogy, but Matthew seems to be focused on the Royal Line.

- vs. 1 "The Son of David"
- Matthew shows that the Messiah must sit on the throne of David!

But there is more to this line. In this line there are:

- Heroes
- Honorable
- Harlots & Unfaithful
- Homeless / Rejects & Outcast
- Heroines

The four women mention though they start as harlots & outcast & adulteresses; people that the world looks down on because of their bad reputations become admired for their courage and outstanding achievements

They point to the Messiah that will reach across racial and national lines and go into all the world with HIS message.

As Son of Abraham, the world will be blessed because of HIM! Foreigners are welcome!

- Hardship & Hurting

Those carried away into captivity because of the sins of their father. Exiled, dying in foreign lands

- Habitually Ordinary

People are mentioned that we have little or no information about at all. Just ordinary people doing everyday life. Just habitually doing what humans do on a daily basis...enjoying life, dealing with daily struggles...providing for family, etc.

Sin infested the human bloodline but God steps into that broken relationship.

Vs. 16 "And Jacob begat Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ. (the appointed ONE; Messiah)"

This genealogy REVEALS:

1. **Christ as a Historical Figure**
2. **Christ Humanity**
3. **Christ's Work to all Humanity**
4. **Christ is the Heir**

Heb 1:2 "Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;" [KJV]

This gives me hope today; Christ meets the conditions that God set for the appointed ONE! My family tree is a mess, but God reaches across the sin filled landscape of my family tree and says I am your Messiah!

JESUS IS THE CHRIST!!