



NOW THE BIRTH OF JESUS CHRIST TOOK PLACE IN THIS WAY ...

(MATTHEW 1:1–25 ESV)

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

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- In his genealogy Matthew sets out to establish the lineage between David, Abraham, Joseph and Jesus Christ—the son of David, the son of Abraham.
- Lineage: the lineal descent from an ancestor; the descendants of

a common ancestor; the line of descendants of a particular ancestor; the family.

- So first we see the promise of the blessed offspring through Abram who God later names Abraham. This is God's promise of offspring in which the entire world will be blessed. You can find the accounts of this blessing in Genesis 12:1-3, 15:1-6 and 17:1-8.

Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Ram, and Ram the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of David the king.

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- We then see that the kingly lineage for Christ—the legal right to the throne—comes through David.

And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asaph, and Asaph the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos, and Amos the father of Josiah, and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon.

And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Shealtiel, and Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of **Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ.**

NOTES

- We then learn through this genealogy that Joseph is the legal father of

Christ as he comes from the line of David. Below we can see the way Luke describes this in his detailed account in which he shows Joseph to be Jesus' legal father but not his birth father.

- (Luke 3:23 ESV) Jesus, when he began his ministry, was about thirty years of age, being the son (as was supposed) of Joseph, the son of Heli.

So all the generations from Abraham to David were fourteen generations, and from David to the deportation to Babylon fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon to the Christ fourteen generations.

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit.

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And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

... YOU SHALL CALL HIS NAME JESUS, FOR HE WILL SAVE HIS PEOPLE FROM THEIR SINS ...

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel!" (which means, God with us).

AND THEY SHALL CALL HIS NAME IMMANUEL (WHICH MEANS, GOD WITH US) ...

When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

OUTLINE FOR MATTHEW 1:18-25

INTRODUCTION: The birth of Jesus Christ is the birth of the child of “the woman” referred to in Genesis when God cursed the serpent. This child will later be seen to be the offspring (or seed) promised through Abraham.

- (Genesis 3:15 ESV) I will put enmity between you and **the woman**, and between your offspring **and her offspring**; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.
- (Galatians 3:16 ESV) Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring. It does not say, “And to offsprings,” referring to many, but referring to one, “**And to your offspring,**” **who is Christ.**
- (Matthew 1:18a ESV) Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way.

1. MARY WAS DISCOVERED TO BE PREGNANT.

- (Matthew 1:18b ESV) When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit.

2. LEARNING THAT MARY WAS PREGNANT JOSEPH RESOLVED TO DO “THE RIGHT THING” AND DIVORCE HER QUIETLY.

- (Matthew 1:19 ESV) And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly.

3. THE ANGEL OF THE LORD ENCOURAGED HIM TO DO “THE RIGHT THING” IN LIGHT OF THE NEW INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTION THAT HE WAS GIVEN.

- (Matthew 1:20–21 ESV) But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”
 - A. Joseph was told to not fear taking Mary as his wife because her pregnancy was an act of the Holy Spirit.
 - B. Joseph was told that Mary would have a son, and he was to name him Jesus.
 - C. He was to name him Jesus because he would save his people from their sins.

4. ALL OF THIS TOOK PLACE TO FULFILL THE ANCIENT PROPHECY THAT A VIRGIN WOULD HAVE A BABY SON AND HIS NAME WOULD BE CALLED IMMANUEL—GOD WITH US.

- (Matthew 1:22–23 ESV) All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: 23 “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us). *(See Isaiah 7:14.)*

5. WHEN JOSEPH WOKE UP, HE OBEYED THE COMMAND OF THE ANGEL OF THE LORD.

- (Matthew 1:24–25 ESV) When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, 25 but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.
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RELEVANT SCRIPTURES

She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.

- **Who is this, who even forgives sins ...** (Luke 7:47–50 ESV) Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven—for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little.” 48 And he said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.” 49 Then those who were at table with him began to say among themselves, **“Who is this, who even forgives sins?”** 50 And he said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.”
- **Which one of you convicts me of sin?** ... (John 8:43–47 ESV) Why do you not understand what I say? It is because you cannot bear to hear my word. 44 You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father’s desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies. 45 But because I tell the truth, you do not believe me. 46 **Which one of you convicts me of sin?** If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me? 47 Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God.”
- **Who are you ...** (John 8:23–25 ESV) He said to them, “You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world. 24 **I told you that you would die in your sins, for unless you believe that I am he you will die in your sins.**” 25 So they said to him, **“Who are you?”** Jesus said

to them, “Just what I have been telling you from the beginning.”

- **Died for our sins ...** (1 Corinthians 15:3 ESV) For I delivered to you as of **first importance** what I also received: that **Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures.**
- **Gave himself for our sins ...** (Galatians 1:3b–4 ESV) ... the Lord Jesus Christ, 4 who **gave himself for our sins** to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father.
- **We were dead in our sins ...** (Ephesians 2:1 ESV) And **you were dead in the trespasses and sins.**
- **In him we have forgiveness of sins ...** (Colossians 1:13–14 ESV) He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his **beloved Son, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.**
- **He was made to be sin ...** (2 Corinthians 5:21 ESV) **For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.**

