

“Hesed - God's Loving Kindness in the Man Jesus”
Matthew 1: 1-17

The Genealogy of Jesus the Messiah

¹*This is the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah the son of David, the son of Abraham:*

²*Abraham was the father of Isaac,*

Isaac the father of Jacob,

Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers,

³*Judah the father of Perez and Zerah, whose mother was Tamar,*

Perez the father of Hezron,

Hezron the father of Ram,

⁴*Ram the father of Amminadab,*

Amminadab the father of Nahshon,

Nahshon the father of Salmon,

⁵*Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab,*

Boaz the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth,

Obed the father of Jesse,

⁶*and Jesse the father of King David.*

David was the father of Solomon, whose mother had been Uriah's wife,

⁷*Solomon the father of Rehoboam,*

Rehoboam the father of Abijah,

Abijah the father of Asa,

⁸*Asa the father of Jehoshaphat,*

Jehoshaphat the father of Jehoram,

Jehoram the father of Uzziah,

⁹*Uzziah the father of Jotham,*

Jotham the father of Ahaz,

Ahaz the father of Hezekiah,

¹⁰*Hezekiah the father of Manasseh,*

Manasseh the father of Amon,

Amon the father of Josiah,

¹¹*and Josiah the father of Jeconiah and his brothers at the time of the exile to Babylon.*

¹²*After the exile to Babylon:*

Jeconiah was the father of Shealtiel,

Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel,

¹³*Zerubbabel the father of Abihud,*

Abihud the father of Eliakim,

Eliakim the father of Azor,

¹⁴*Azor the father of Zadok,
Zadok the father of Akim,
Akim the father of Elihud,
¹⁵Elihud the father of Eleazar,
Eleazar the father of Matthan,
Matthan the father of Jacob,
¹⁶and Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary, and Mary
was the mother of Jesus who is called the Messiah.*

¹⁷*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. (Matthew 1: 1-17 NIV)*

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Questions for personal or small group study and reflection:

1. *Before beginning the account of Jesus' ministry, Matthew recounts' Jesus' genealogy right back to Abraham. Why Abraham? Luke (chapter 3) traces Jesus as the fulfillment of God's promises all the way back to Adam. Why Adam?*
2. *Where did you come from? What's your family history? Have you ever traced your genealogy back to your earliest generations? If so, what did you discover? How has the "good" and "bad" in the lives of previous generations been used of God to shape your life today?*
3. *Which names of men sound most familiar to you? What do you know about them? (key significance regarding each of these names)? How does the genealogy of Jesus trace through all the covenants that God has made with man? (Which patriarchs are connected to each particular covenant?)*
4. *What is significant about the women named in the genealogy from Matthew's gospel?*
5. *Why is it important that Jesus was in the line of David?*
6. *How does this genealogy show the sovereign and active hand of God in history?*
7. *What impresses you about the genealogy of Jesus and why?*
8. *How is Jesus connected to Joseph in v. 16?*

APPLICATION:

Jesus is the Man at the very center of human history, and represents all human beings. The hope of salvation for all mankind is found in Jesus.

Trace your genealogy of personal faith and reflect on the active hand of God in your life:

- *How did you first learn about Jesus?*
 - *Who told the person who told you? How far back can you go?*
 - *How is God using you to share the hope of Jesus with others?*
 - *How far forward do you think that will continue in the future? Your children? Your grandchildren, your great-grandchildren?*
 - *Where have you seen God at work in your family as you learn about Jesus together?*
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