

**Gospel of Matthew “Gospel Genealogy”**  
**Matthew 1:1-17**  
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Matthew 1:1-17. (NIV)

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[c] 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,

**15** Elihud the father of Eleazar,

Eleazar the father of Matthan,

Matthan the father of Jacob,

**16** and 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 sums up the entire Old Testament in these opening verses.

Genesis 12:1-3

The Lord had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you.

"I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you;

I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.

I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

2 Samuel 7:12-13

When your days are over and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, your own flesh and blood, and I will establish his kingdom. He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

God would bless the world through a kingdom that would never end.

Jesus is the presence of God and the sacrifice of God.

Psalms 126:1-3

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,  
we were like those who dreamed.

Our mouths were filled with laughter,  
our tongues with songs of joy.

Then it was said among the nations,  
"The Lord has done great things for them."

The Lord has done great things for us,  
and we are filled with joy.

The promises of God are preserved in the smallest people and the most hidden places.

God has his own sense of timing.

This dysfunctional family reveals that your pedigree is not important.

Hebrews 2:11

**11** Both the one who makes people holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters.

Jesus is the beginning of the seventh seven.

### **Discussion Questions**

- What did God say to you during or Sunday gathering?
- How does your family tree create identity? Have you had to deal with a stigma or reputation because of your parents or grandparents?
- What do you find interesting about the genealogy Matthew puts together as his gospel opens?
- Why does Matthew highlight Abraham and David in the genealogy?
- What observations about God's timing can you make from the genealogy?
- Discuss this thought- *"If you want to impose your time frame on God, you will never feel loved."* Are you waiting for God to do something right now?
- Why do you think Matthew would remind us of people and events that were not good within Jesus' backstory? What does that say about God? What does that say about your backstory?
- One of the promises of the Messiah is rest. What does real rest mean for you? What kind of rest is being offered to us in Christ?