

The Gospel of Matthew - Lesson 01

1:1-17 The Genealogy of Jesus

These verses trace the **genealogy** of Jesus. He comes from the family tree of David.

Genesis 22:18 (to Abraham). "...through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me."

1 Chronicles 17:11 (to David). "When your days are over and you go to be with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, one of your own sons, and I will establish his kingdom."

1. Four women are mentioned in Jesus' descent line. Who are they and what can you find out about them from the following references in the Old Testament: Genesis 38, Joshua 2, Ruth 4:12-22, and 2 Samuel 11:2-12:25?
2. Is this Jesus' "legal lineage" (traced through his legal father, Joseph) or his "blood lineage" (traced through his natural mother, Mary)? See also Luke 3:23-38.
3. Why might Matthew give us this lineage and Luke the other?

1:18-25 The Birth of Jesus Christ

4. Who are the real parents of Jesus?
5. From verse 21, what does the name "Jesus" mean?
6. Identify the reference mentioned in verse 22.

Jesus was born like any other child is born. He had to be **TRUE MAN** in order to be our substitute and save us from our sins.

2:1-12 The Visit of the Magi

7. How did the Jews know where to look for one who was born "king of the Jews?"
8. What is the importance of these Magi coming from the east and worshipping Jesus?