



## Today's Message

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Title: *Lessons Found in Jesus' Family Tree*

Text: Matthew 1:1–17 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

<sup>2</sup> Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, <sup>3</sup> and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Ram, <sup>4</sup> and Ram the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, <sup>5</sup> and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, <sup>6</sup> and Jesse the father of David the king.

And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, <sup>7</sup> and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asaph, <sup>8</sup> and Asaph the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, <sup>9</sup> and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, <sup>10</sup> and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos, and Amos the father of Josiah, <sup>11</sup> and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon.

<sup>12</sup> And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Shealtiel, and Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, <sup>13</sup> and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, <sup>14</sup> and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, <sup>15</sup> and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, <sup>16</sup> and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ.

<sup>17</sup> 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.

Matthew 1:21 (ESV)

<sup>21</sup> She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”

Introduction: How often do we hasten past genealogies when reading Scripture? We do not value them as did the people of Israel. In our culture, our family tree satisfies curiosity, but little more. In the Bible, a genealogy could establish a spectrum of rights and privileges. Matthew began his Gospel with Jesus’ genealogy to demonstrate Jesus’ right to rule as King of Israel. A closer look reveals even more.

**Today’s take-home truth: The Son of God became one of us to be our Savior-King.**

**I. The Son of God stepped into the stream of human history—with all of its ugliness.**

- A. Many of his ancestors were shockingly wicked.
- B. The best of his ancestors were very sinful.
- C. Even his female ancestors were morally flawed.

**II. The Son of God is our only and certain hope precisely because he is one of us.**

- A. Son of Abraham, he brings blessing to all the earth.
- B. Son of David, he will rule in righteousness forever.
- C. Son of Mary, “he will save his people from their sins.”