

THE LONG WAIT



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Mary and Joseph

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

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

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

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

17 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.

18 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. 19 And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. 20 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.” 22 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). 24 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.

Question #1

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Matthew has the motivation; credentials; skills; first hand, personal experiences with Jesus and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit..... and that gives weight to the accuracy and truthfulness of his genealogy.

Question #2

Why is Matthew's Genealogy Important?

The Davidic Covenant

2 Samuel 7: 12-13 and 16:

vs 12 “When your days are over and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring (Solomon) to succeed you, your own flesh and blood, and I will establish his kingdom.

vs 13 He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.”

vs 16 Your (David) house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever.”

Matthew 21:9

“The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, “Hosanna to the Son of David!” “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

Question #2

Why is Matthew's Genealogy Important?

Matthew makes it clear the birth of Jesus is the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy..... Jesus is the Messiah.....the Son of David.

Question #3

Why was it important that Jesus come into this world
fully human as the son of Mary and Joseph?

Galatians 4:4–5: “But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive the full rights of sons.”

(Hebrews 9:22) “ Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.”

(Hebrews 10:4) “It is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.”

(Hebrews 4:15) “For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin”

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Why was it important that Jesus come into this world
fully human?

By being fully God and fully man he could relate to mankind while perfectly fulfilling the law and shedding His blood so that we might be cleansed of our sins, be made righteous and have eternal life with Him
in Heaven

Question #4

“What is so remarkable about Joseph and Mary?”

Matthew 1:20-21

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Luke 1: 30-31 ; 32(b) - 33

“Don’t be afraid Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive and bear a son and you shall call His name Jesus..... And the Lord will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.”

“And the angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy – the Son of God.”

(Luke 1:35)

Question #4

“What is so remarkable about Joseph and Mary?

They believed in the one true God and were willing to bear and endure the challenges placed on them and placed their hope in Him.

Matthew 1:23

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