

Matthew Series

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A.2. Genealogy and birth of Jesus

Matthew 1:1-25 (audio #002)

MAIN THEME: “*This is the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah the Son of David*” (verse 1:1-2)

Purpose of ‘Matthew Chapter 1’

- ❖ From the outset (Matt 1:1) Matthew claims that Jesus is the promised Messiah, ‘*the son of David*’. This is seen in His genealogy and by the way in which He was born.

Roots or Genealogy Of Jesus The Messiah (1:1-17)

- ❖ **Purpose of genealogies:** to establish identity in social status, legality etc.
- ❖ **Jesus’ Jewish Messianic line:** Abraham to David to Joseph (legal / royal line)
- ❖ **Jesus’ inclusive Gentile/sinner line:** (Matt 1:5-6) mention of the women shows the Messiah embodies all people’s pain and His salvation is for all nations
- ❖ **Fully Messiah:** (Matt 1:16-17) the male line stops: born of Mary; ‘number perfect’!

Birth of Jesus The Messiah (1:18-25)

- ❖ **The virgin birth:** (Matt 1:18,20) ‘by the Holy Spirit’ — so central to Christian faith! This makes Jesus both fully God and fully man at the same time, and therefore He is Jesus (Yeshua or Joshua, ‘the Lord saves’) Christ (Messiah, ‘the Anointed One’)
- ❖ **The prophetic fulfillment:** (Matt 1:22) Matthew quotes Is 7:14 to show that Jesus fulfills the Old Testament scriptures as the Jewish Messiah. ‘Immanuel’ = ‘God with us’
- ❖ **The human response (dilemma):** Joseph is a model of human response to God’s sovereign acts, taking on the full implications of God’s coming (Matt 1:19;1:25)
- ❖ **The angelic activity:** (Matt 1:20) supernatural intervention confirms the truth!

Application For Us Today

- ❖ **The importance of roots:** the need to know, gives identity / belonging, *but...*
- ❖ **Our roots in Messiah:** natural lineage is meaningless in eternal affairs (Phil 3:4-11). We need new birth from a new life-line, in Christ (Jn 1:11-13; 3:3-6)—gives us new identity / belonging etc. Also, Jesus heals us from all sin and its effects, pain, curses, spiritual ties and strongholds etc. present in our blood-line (Deut 5:8-10)
- ❖ **God’s sovereignty and our response:** we must respond in faith, obedience and love to 1) the virgin birth, and 2) to God’s sovereign activity in our lives
- ❖ **The presence of the supernatural:** we must not seek it, but be aware of it’s ‘normal’ ministering presence for those in Christ (Heb 1:13-14)

For Reflection and Study

- ❖ Do you know where you come from and what does your roots mean to you?
- ❖ Is Jesus really the Messiah for you? How has He saved / healed you from sin and its consequences? And from what ‘*generational stuff*’ in your family line?
- ❖ How do you respond to God’s sovereign acts in your life (think of Joseph)?
- ❖ What is the world’s growing response to angels, the supernatural? And yours?

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About Alexander Venter: Author of the ‘Matthew Series’

The ‘*Matthew Series*’ is the product of Alexander Venter’s teaching ministry since 1975 when he became a church planter and pastor. Alexander has been empowered over many years by many relationships to make available Kingdom Treasures in the form of relevant Christian resources, to equip people for life and ministry in God’s Kingdom. These teachings are based on the scriptures from **Matthew 13:44-52** – “*God’s Kingdom (His life and rule) is like a treasure found in a field. On finding the treasure the person goes away and sells all they have and purchases the field, in order to explore the treasure*”. A teacher who is trained in the Word of God brings out these treasures – both old and new realities of God and his Kingdom – to all who seek after God.