



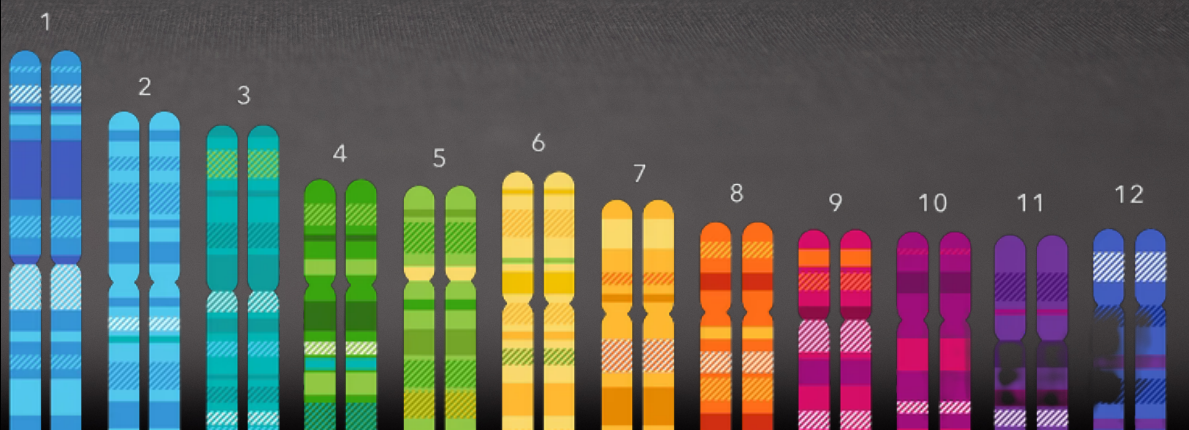
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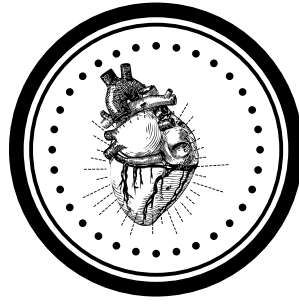
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A STUDY

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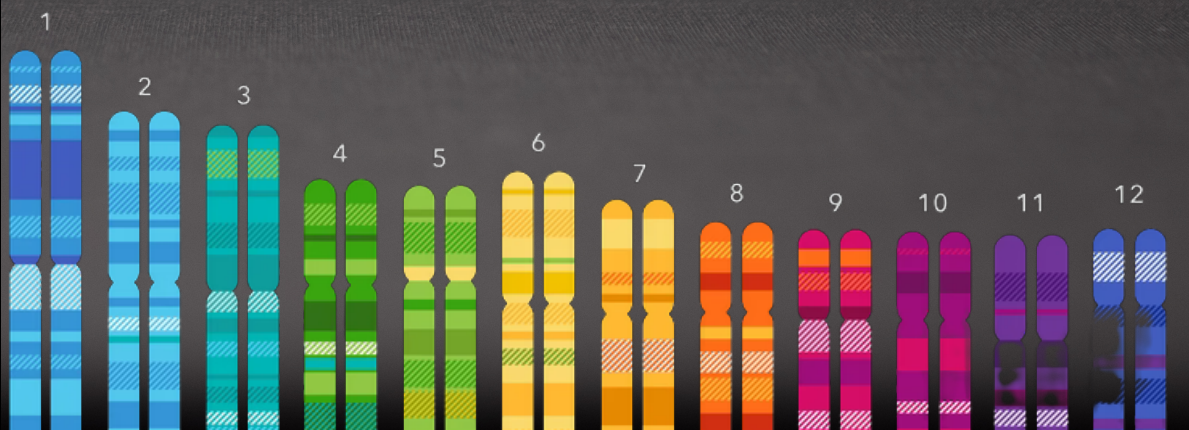
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1 The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

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 of 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 of 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 Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon.

12 And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah 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 Jesus was born, 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.

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Christmas is a time of family gatherings. I'm not sure what type of family you grew up in, but extended family gatherings for me were...well...how should I put it... INTERESTING. The larger gathering of aunts and uncles and cousins and nieces and nephews and grandparents and great aunts and uncles was a yearly reminder of just how weird my family was. To be honest, there were times I was embarrassed for anyone to know that I was related to many of them. When I introduced Jenni to my family for the first time it was with weeks of preparation and warning.

If I were writing a family history and had the chance to be selective, there are certainly people that I would leave off the tree. As you read through Matthew 1 this is exactly what you're reading, a selective family history. Oddly enough, the people Matthew chooses to include in Jesus' family history are the very people I would exclude. Let's keep that great uncle low-key. Let's not reveal to the whole world that great grandmother's profession.

The people I would exclude, Matthew includes for a reason. These are the very people Jesus came to save. His name is Jesus (Salvation) after all. As the Angel said to Joseph, "You shall call his name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sin." You don't get a better picture of who Jesus comes to save than glancing at one of His family photos. So join us this Sunday as we study the genealogy of Jesus.

In Him,

Pastor TJ



## Discussion Questions

1. How far back do you know your family line? Why is knowing the family genealogy important to some people?
2. Read verse 1, Psalm 89:28, 2 Samuel 7:12-16, and Isaiah 9:6-7. What does “Son of David” mean, and what does this tell us about Jesus?
3. What does the Kingship of Jesus mean to you personally?
4. Read verse 1 again, as well as Genesis 12:1-3, 17:7, 22:18 and Matthew 28:19. What does “Son of Abraham” mean, and what does it tell us about Jesus?
5. If Jesus came to bring salvation to all nations, in what way are you involved in the great commission?
6. Read verse 1 again, as well as Genesis 2:4-25, Genesis 5:1, and 1 Corinthians 15:22. What does it tell us when we compare the genealogy of Adam and Jesus Christ?
7. What effect does knowing Jesus is a truer and better Adam have on your life or people around you?
8. Read verse 17. What are the three important time periods in the history of Israel mentioned in that verse, and why?



## Discussion Questions

9. How does knowing that Jesus' birth was promised and fulfilled by God encourage you in your journey as a Christian?
10. Share with the group about any promises that God has fulfilled in your life.
11. Read verse 1 again. What does the name "Christ" mean?
12. Read Matt 1:21. What did Christ come to save people from? What are some modern misconceptions that people expect Jesus to save them from?
13. What did Christ save you from?
14. Read verses 2-16. Who are you surprised to see in Jesus' genealogy and what does this teach us about Jesus?
15. What does the effect of knowing that Jesus saves sinners and not perfect people have on you?
16. Think about someone who does not know the good news that Jesus' birth brings during this season. Pray about inviting this person for Christmas Eve this year and sharing the good news with them.





## Prayer & Praise

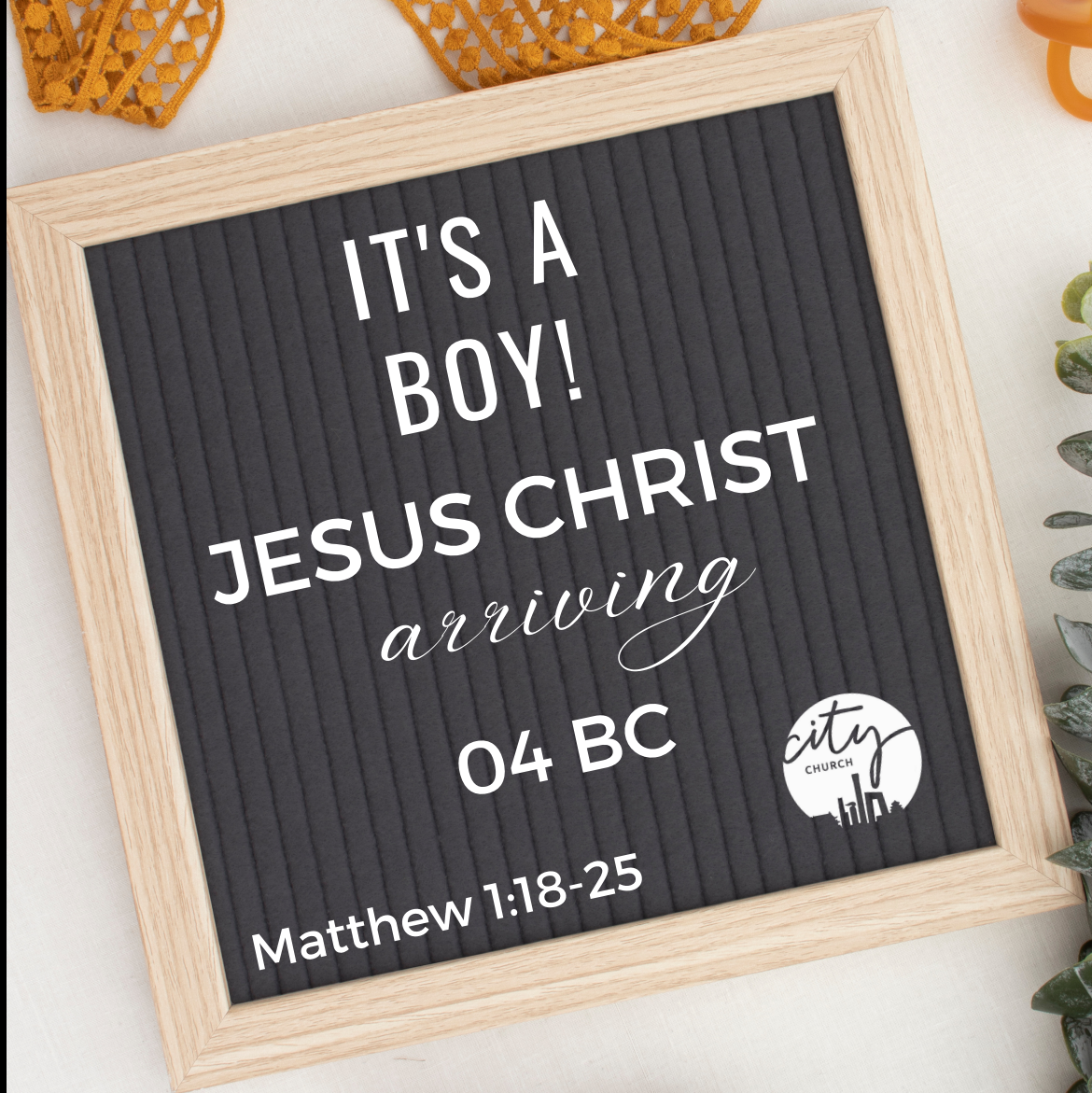
End your time together by reflecting on the goodness of God and praying for one another.

### Prayer Requests

### Praise Reports



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# It's a Boy!

Matthew 1:18-25

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.

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It's a Boy!

After a long list of begats Matthew continues with these words, "Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way..." Century after century of NORMAL births, we finally come to something UNIQUE. This unique entrance teaches us something about WHO Jesus is.

He is born of woman, which means He is fully human. He can identify with us. He knows our pains, our sorrows, and our limitations. He knows what it is like to live in a life filled with the effects of sin. Jesus' humanity also means He is mortal, He can die.

But Jesus is also conceived by the Holy Spirit (aka He has no earthly father), which means He is more than man...He is fully God. As God, He knows the thoughts and intentions of man. He is able to do the miraculous, walk on water, multiply fish, turn water into wine, and calm a storm. Jesus' divinity also means that He is immortal, that though He dies He will rise again. That His death is unlike other human deaths and therefore will do something no other merely human death could accomplish...He will save us from our sins.

This is why Matthew pens, "She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us)."

When babies are born, we often wonder, what will he sound like, what will he be like, what profession will he take, what personality will he have. As we come to the birth of Jesus this Sunday, there is no guess work involved with this baby, for we know exactly WHO this child is...He is the Messiah who will die for the sins of the world.

Beholding with you,

Pastor TJ

They shall call his name Immanuel



Discussion Questions

1. Share any event from your past that changed your life's direction 180 degrees.
2. Read verse 18. What is so unique about the conception of Jesus Christ?
3. What does it matter that Jesus is fully human?
4. What does it matter that Jesus is fully God?
5. How does Jesus being fully God and fully human affect your daily life?
6. Read verse 19. Why was Mary's story so unbelievable, and what does that teach us about faith?
7. Read verses 20 and 21. What are the things that the angel asked Joseph to consider, and how do those things impact humanity?
8. How do the things mentioned above impact you personally?
9. Read verses 22 and 23, and Isaiah 7:13-14. What promise did the birth of Jesus fulfil?
10. Read verses 1, 17, 22 and 23 again. What are the main proofs that Jesus is the Messiah?

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Going Deeper

Questions

11. Who is the Messiah figure in Jewish literature?
12. What do you think people in the modern age would expect the Messiah to come and save them from?
13. What do you expect the Messiah to save you from?
14. As a home assignment for next week, write a story of sharing Jesus' birth as you would tell it to a non-believer. Remember to share why He was called Jesus, Messiah, Immanuel. Scan the QR code below to see an example how to tell a Christmas story.



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Prayer & Praise

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