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Passage: Matthew 1

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### **Matthew 1:1-17 (CSB)**

<sup>1</sup> An account of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham:

<sup>2</sup> Abraham fathered Isaac,

Isaac fathered Jacob,

Jacob fathered Judah and his brothers,

<sup>3</sup> Judah fathered Perez and Zerah by Tamar,

Perez fathered Hezron,

Hezron fathered Aram,

<sup>4</sup> Aram fathered Amminadab,

Amminadab fathered Nahshon,

Nahshon fathered Salmon,

<sup>5</sup> Salmon fathered Boaz by Rahab,

Boaz fathered Obed by Ruth,

Obed fathered Jesse,

<sup>6</sup> and Jesse fathered King David.

David fathered Solomon by Uriah's wife,

<sup>7</sup> Solomon fathered Rehoboam,

Rehoboam fathered Abijah,

Abijah fathered Asa,

<sup>8</sup> Asa fathered Jehoshaphat,

Jehoshaphat fathered Joram,

Joram fathered Uzziah,

<sup>9</sup> Uzziah fathered Jotham,

Jotham fathered Ahaz,

Ahaz fathered Hezekiah,

<sup>10</sup> Hezekiah fathered Manasseh,

Manasseh fathered Amon,

Amon fathered Josiah,

<sup>11</sup> and Josiah fathered Jeconiah and his brothers

at the time of the exile to Babylon.

<sup>12</sup> After the exile to Babylon

Jeconiah fathered Shealtiel,  
Shealtiel fathered Zerubbabel,  
<sup>13</sup>Zerubbabel fathered Abiud,  
Abiud fathered Eliakim,  
Eliakim fathered Azor,  
<sup>14</sup>Azor fathered Zadok,  
Zadok fathered Achim,  
Achim fathered Eliud,  
<sup>15</sup>Eliud fathered Eleazar,  
Eleazar fathered Matthan,  
Matthan fathered Jacob,  
<sup>16</sup>and Jacob fathered Joseph the husband of Mary,  
who gave birth to Jesus who is called the Christ.

<sup>17</sup>So all the generations from Abraham to David were fourteen generations; and from David until the exile to Babylon, fourteen generations; and from the exile to Babylon until the Christ, fourteen generations.

### **The Genealogy of Jesus .**

Matthew's genealogy included four women:

**Tamar**

**Rahab**

**Ruth**

**The wife of Uriah the Hittite (Bathsheba)**

**Lessons from Jesus' genealogy:**

1. He includes men and women.
2. He included Jews and Gentiles.

God wants the world to know that He sent His Son, Jesus for all of them. He wants them all to know that there is a place for them at His table if they are willing to respond to His call and to put their faith in Jesus Christ.

3. Among the women selected by Matthew were saints and sinners.

God can use any person who is willing to admit their need for Him, repent, and let God transform them.

“With such a list [of ancestors], Matthew gives us clues about the kinds of people that the Messiah came to save. He was to be a Savior for women and men who were both saints and sinners, Jews and Gentiles.”