

Supporting Cast

Matthew 1:1-17

¹This is the genealogy of Jesus the **Messiah** the son of David, the son of Abraham:

²Abraham was the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers,

³Judah the father of Perez and Zerah, whose mother was **Tamar**,

Perez the father of Hezron, Hezron the father of Ram,

⁴Ram the father of Amminadab, Amminadab the father of Nahshon, Nahshon the father of Salmon,

⁵Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was **Rahab**,

Boaz the father of Obed, whose mother was **Ruth**,

Obed the father of Jesse,

⁶and Jesse the father of King David.

David was the father of Solomon, whose mother had been **Uriah's wife**,

⁷Solomon the father of Rehoboam, Rehoboam the father of Abijah,

Abijah the father of Asa, ⁸Asa the father of Jehoshaphat,

Jehoshaphat the father of Jehoram, Jehoram the father of Uzziah,

⁹Uzziah the father of Jotham, Jotham the father of Ahaz,

Ahaz the father of Hezekiah,

¹⁰Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, Manasseh the father of Amon,

Amon the father of Josiah,

¹¹and Josiah the father of Jeconiah and his brothers at the time of the exile to Babylon.

¹²After the exile to Babylon:

Jeconiah was the father of Shealtiel, Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel,

¹³Zerubbabel the father of Abihud, Abihud the father of Eliakim,

Eliakim the father of Azor, ¹⁴Azor the father of Zadok,

Zadok the father of Akim, Akim the father of Elihud,

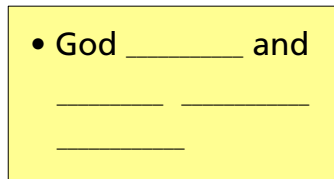
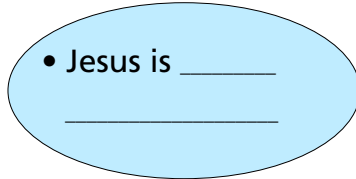
¹⁵Elihud the father of Eleazar, Eleazar the father of Matthan,

Matthan the father of Jacob,

¹⁶and Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of **Mary**,

and Mary was the mother of Jesus who is called the **Messiah**.

¹⁷Thus there were fourteen generations in all from Abraham to David, fourteen from David to the exile to Babylon, and fourteen from the exile to the **Messiah**.



Transformed by the Truth

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

1. When it comes to what God is doing in the world, do you feel like you are a performer or an audience member? Why?
2. Use a computer concordance to find every reference to the word "Messiah" (or "Christ") in the Gospel of Matthew. What is significant about Jesus being the Messiah?
3. What is the most surprising name in the genealogy of Jesus? What does the inclusion of that name reveal about God? How does it encourage you?
4. Who would be surprised to hear how God used them in your life? Have you told them?
5. How do you want to be used by God? What do you want to be remembered for?