



What Child Is This?

For gospel writer Matthew,
his target audience was the Jewish community.

So he begins the story of Jesus
not with his birth, but with his roots!

Matthew 1:1-17
Christ's Family Tree

The Child Of Promise

The heading at the top of the
genealogy celebrates God's great faithfulness.

He keeps his promises!

Matthew 1:1, NIV
This is the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah the son of David,
the son of Abraham.

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God's Promise To David: (2 Samuel 7:16 & Isaiah 9:6-7, NIV)
Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever...For to us a child is born, to us a son is given...of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne...

The Long Expected Child

The summary at the end of the genealogy indicates that God is never in a hurry, but always right on time!

Matthew 1:17, NIV
Thus 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.

Galatians 4:4, NLT
But when the right time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman...

The Child For Every Nation

The surprising names in this Jewish genealogy signal that God's embracing love extends to all peoples worldwide.

Matthew 1:3 & 5-6, NIV

Judah the father of Perez and Zerah, whose mother was Tamar... Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab, Boaz, the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth...David was the father of Solomon, whose mother had been Uriah's wife (Bathsheba)...

Matthew 28:19, NIV

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations...

The Child For Every Sinner

Several of the names in Christ's genealogy had shameful reputations. His family tree reminds us that God's amazing grace is greater than all our disgraces!

Matthew 1:2-3, 5-6 & 10, NIV

Isaac the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, Judah the father of Perez and Zerah, whose mother was Tamar...Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab... David was the father of Solomon, whose mother had been the wife of Uriah (Bathsheba)...Hezekiah was the father of Manasseh...
