



# CHRISTMAS IN MATTHEW

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Sermon: **The People That Brought Us Christmas (Matthew 1:1-17)**

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As we begin a new series in the book of Matthew, we will study the first few passages in the coming weeks which recount the arrival of our Messiah – Jesus Christ. The book of Matthew begins with a genealogy. It's common for Christians to gloss over genealogies in the Bible and skip to the next story. However, we have a lot to learn from genealogies, especially from the genealogy given in Matthew 1. We learn that Christ descended from both Abraham and David, demonstrating God's faithfulness to his covenant promises. His genealogy contains a defiled woman, a prostitute, an adulterer, as well as several kings. God used unlikely candidates to pass on the seed of promise, teaching us that God can redeem even the worst of sinners and use them to build his kingdom. Furthermore, both Jew and Gentile are represented in his ancestry, reminding us that Christ came for *all* people. He is the Messiah and the Saviour of the world.

What you need for this study: Bible, Notebook, Pen

## Discussion Questions

1. How did the Holy Spirit speak to you through the teaching this week?
2. How would you summarize this week's teaching? What was the big idea? What were the main points and lessons learned?
3. Why is learning about this topic important for us?
4. What are the implications of this teaching for your life? Our church? The world around us?
5. How were you convicted and/or encouraged by the teaching this week?
6. What needs to change in your life as a result of this week's teaching?