

# Jesus Our Messiah, Our Hope

## Matthew 1:1-17

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**Take-Home Truth:** Jesus the Messiah is the culmination of God's plan and the only hope for all the world.

**Jesus is the prophesied Messiah.**

*The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.*  
Matthew 1:1 (English Standard Version)

### Three Identifiers of Jesus

- **Jesus is said to be the “Messiah”.**
  - Christ (Christos) = Greek equivalent of the Hebrew word for Messiah.
  - *Christ* and *Messiah* mean “anointed” or “anointed one”.

*“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>6</sup>In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’”* Jeremiah 23:5-6 (ESV)

(See Isaiah 7:14; Micah 5:2; Isaiah 53:5; Psalm 22)
  - Two pictures of the Messiah in the Old Testament (OT): Conquering King (See Isaiah 59:21; 61:1-9; 61:10-62:7; 63:1-6) and Suffering Servant (See Isaiah 52:13-53:12).
- **Jesus is given the title, “Son of David”.**

*“ . . . Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever.”* 2 Samuel 7:16 (ESV)  
(See 2 Samuel 7:4–17, entire “Davidic covenant”)

*A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.*  
Isaiah 11:1 (New International Version)

*But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup>You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. <sup>32</sup>He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, <sup>33</sup>and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end." Luke 1:30-33 (NIV)*

- **Jesus is called, "son of David, son of Abraham".**

*And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing <sup>3</sup>. . . and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." Genesis 12:2, 3b (ESV)*

**Application Tip:** Sometime this week, ask yourself: In what am I putting my hope right now? To what am I looking to save me? My money, my skill, my likeability? Or is my hope firmly rooted in Jesus the Messiah? And then talk to God honestly in prayer about what you've discovered.

**Jesus the Messiah is the goal of Israel's history.** (See Matthew 1:2-16)

*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. Matthew 1:17 (ESV)*

### **Observations**

- In general, this genealogy is a survey of the history of the people of God from its beginning with Abraham to the coming of the Messiah.
- Matthew is emphasizing God's sovereign hand in history which led to a specific goal; the coming of Jesus, the Messiah.
- The surprising inclusion of several names help us understand God's love for all the world and provides one more reminder of God's sovereign hand in history.

**Application Tip:** Take 15 minutes this week and ask: What is my role in the plan of God? How is God using me in spite of my messiness?

"This, Matthew is saying, is both the fulfilment of two millennia of God's promises and purposes and something quite new and different. God still works like that today: keeping his promise, acting in character, and yet always ready with surprises for those who learn to trust him." (From Matthew for Everyone by N.T. Wright)