

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

Matthew 1

Getting Started

Share something interesting about one of your ancestors.

Digging In

1. **Read 1:1-17.** What is the significance of Jesus being the Christ (Messiah)?
2. What is the significance of Jesus being the son of David?
3. What is the significance of Jesus being the son of Abraham?
4. It was somewhat unusual for Jews to include the names of women in a genealogy. Why do you think Matthew does this?
5. How is Matthew careful to show that Joseph was his legal father, but not his biological father? (v. 16)
6. **Read 1:18-25.** In what ways does Matthew clarify that Jesus was born of a virgin? (18,20,23,25) Why is this important?
7. How is Joseph seen to be both righteous and compassionate?
8. How is Jesus' mission reflected in his name? (21)
9. How is Jesus' nature reflected in his name? (22-23)
10. How did Jesus fulfill Old Testament prophecy in his birth?



What Now?

- What was your concept of Jesus when you were a child?
- What other concepts of Jesus did you have as you grew older?
- Matthew shows Jesus to be both human and divine. Why was this necessary for Jesus' mission as Savior?
- Jesus is called Immanuel – God with us. How can this truth make a difference in the way we live?
- What do you personally hope to gain from your study of the book of Matthew? What would you like to see God do in your life?