

## Through the New Testament: a 5-Year Plan

### Matthew Chapter 1 -

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**Key Verses for Memorization:** Matthew 1:18, 1:23

**Background:** The Gospel of Matthew, the first book in the New Testament, is an excellent introduction to the core teachings of Christianity. Matthew's logical outline style makes it easy to locate discussions of various topics. A good understanding of the book of Matthew is especially helpful for understanding how the life of Christ was the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies.

#### **Commentary:**

Verse 1 – Jesus' genealogy came through King David, proving His right to the throne.

Verse 3 – Although women are generally never mentioned in genealogies, there are five women (Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba, and Mary) listed in Matthew's genealogy of Christ.

Verse 4 – Naasson, prince of the tribe of Judah, when Israel entered Canaan.

Verse 5 – Salmon, Boaz, and Obed, all listed in the Book of Ruth.

Verse 6 – David the King was mentioned to again prove Jesus' right to the throne.

Verse 16 – “Jacob begat Joseph, the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus.” It is important to note that, at that time, many people believed Jesus was the biological son of Joseph. Throughout the genealogy listed in Matthew, there is something very important found in verse 16. Up until “Jacob begat Joseph,” the word “begat” is found to indicate how a father and child were connected. However, in verse 16 the word “begat” is not found when the genealogy lists Joseph's and Jesus' connection. Scripture says that Joseph was the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ. Joseph did not beget Jesus because the Holy Ghost, not Joseph, is Christ's father.

Verse 19 – 25 – Matthew's birth narrative focused on the role of Joseph, who was “a just man,” according to Matthew. This description is in sharp contrast to how he later described King Herod, an unjust and wicked ruler. Matthew took great care to show how the birth event of Jesus fulfilled prophecies made in the Old Testament. He made use of these prophecies to present Jesus as a governor, the ruler of Israel, a prince, and as God's Son.

**A Quick Summary:** In Matthew 1, Jesus was described as a descendent of both King David and of Abraham. The genealogy of Jesus, with three sets of 14 generations is recorded. After the genealogy is given, we find details about the birth of Christ: 1. Mary and Joseph are betrothed; 2. Mary announces she is pregnant by the Holy Ghost; 3. Joseph considered breaking off the betrothal privately; 4. after the angel appeared to Joseph in a dream, he took Mary as his wife; 5. Joseph did as the angel had said and named the baby Jesus: for He would save His people from their sins.

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## Let's Memorize: Matthew 1:18

Day 1: Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.

Day 2: Now the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his \_\_\_\_\_ Mary was \_\_\_\_\_ to Joseph, before they came together, \_\_\_\_\_ was found with \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Ghost.

Day 3: Now the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ was on this \_\_\_\_\_: When as his \_\_\_\_\_ Mary was \_\_\_\_\_ to Joseph, \_\_\_\_\_ they came together, \_\_\_\_\_ was \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy \_\_\_\_\_.

Day 4: \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ was on this \_\_\_\_\_: When as his \_\_\_\_\_ Mary was \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ they \_\_\_\_\_ together, \_\_\_\_\_ was \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_.

Day 5: \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ was on this \_\_\_\_\_: When as his \_\_\_\_\_ Mary was \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ they \_\_\_\_\_ together, \_\_\_\_\_ was \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_.

Day 6: \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ was \_\_\_\_\_: \_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_ was \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ was \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_.

Day 7: \_\_\_\_\_: \_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

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### Let's Memorize: Matthew 1:23

Day 1: Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

Day 2: Behold, a virgin shall be with \_\_\_\_\_, and shall bring forth a \_\_\_\_\_, and they shall call his \_\_\_\_\_ Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, \_\_\_\_\_ with us.

Day 3: Behold, a \_\_\_\_\_ shall be with \_\_\_\_\_, and shall \_\_\_\_\_ forth a \_\_\_\_\_, and they shall \_\_\_\_\_ his \_\_\_\_\_ Emmanuel, which \_\_\_\_\_ interpreted is, \_\_\_\_\_ with us.

Day 4: \_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_ shall be with \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ forth a \_\_\_\_\_, and they shall \_\_\_\_\_ his \_\_\_\_\_ Emmanuel, \_\_\_\_\_ is, \_\_\_\_\_ with us.

Day 5: \_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_ be with \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ forth a \_\_\_\_\_, and they \_\_\_\_\_ his \_\_\_\_\_ is, \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_.

Day 6: \_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ is, \_\_\_\_\_.

Day 7: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

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### Word Find: Matthew Chapter 1

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<b>Word List:</b>	angel	David	generations	Lord	sins
	begat	dream	God	Mary	sleep
	birth	Emmanuel	husband	Matthew	son
	born	espoused	Jesus	name	spoken
	child	example	Joseph	prophet	thought
	Christ	fear	just	public	virgin
	conceived	fourteen	knew	save	wife

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### Find the Hidden Messages: Matthew Chapter 1

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**Puzzle Key:**

A=1	I=9	R=18
B=2	J=10	S=19
C=3	K=11	T=20
D=4	L=12	U=21
E=5	M=13	V=22
F=6	N=14	W=23
G=7	O=15	X=24
H=8	P=16	Y=25
	Q=17	Z=26

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### Test Your Understanding:

1. Whose genealogy does Matthew chart in Matthew Chapter 1 (v 1)?
2. According to Matthew Chapter 1, of whom is Jesus Christ the son (v 16)?
3. How many women are listed in Matthew's genealogy of Christ (v 3, 5, 6, 16)?
4. How many generations were there from David until the exile (v 17)?
5. How many generations were there from the exile to the Christ (v 17)?
6. Who was Joseph's father (v 18)?
7. According to Matthew 1:20, to whom did the angel of the Lord appear in a dream?
8. Whom should Joseph not be afraid to take home as his wife (v 20)?
9. According to Matthew 1:21, what would Mary do?
10. What was the reason Jesus was sent to earth (v 21)?
11. What does the name "Emmanuel" mean (v 23)?
12. What name was Joseph to give Mary's son (v 25)?

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