

The Gospel according to Matthew

CHAPTER ONE

(emphasis on verses 1 – 17)

1. The first verse of the New Testament opens with “The genealogy of Jesus Christ.” Another important genealogy is located in Genesis 5. Whose genealogy is it?
2. The word “genealogy” begins with the prefix, “gen,” which means: producer. From a dictionary look up the definition of the following “gen” words:

gene(s)	gender	genealogy	general	generate
generation	genesis	genetic	genital	generous

3. Now, compare and ponder these words in relationship to what is stated in Genesis 1:1. Why do you think the first book of the Bible is called, “Genesis?”
4. There are five women mentioned in the genealogy recorded in Matthew 1. Who are these five women? (see verses 3, 5, 6 and 16.)
5. For the identity of the woman listed in Matthew 1:6, see 2 Samuel 11:3 and 2 Samuel 12:24.
6. For those of us who have been active in the church for a while, we have no doubt heard “the preacher” say that, “Jesus came down through 42 generations.” These 42 generations are categorized as “14 x 3.” From Matthew 1:17, what are the three distinct categories of the generations?
7. One of the predominant words in Matthew 1:1 – 16 is “begot.” From a dictionary look up how the word “begot” (or “beget”) is defined? Also, look up the words, “begin” and “beginning.”
8. Now, compare these words to Genesis 1:1; John 1:1 and John 3:16.
9. Why do you think that genealogies are important?
10. Matthew 1:1 tells us the Jesus Christ is “the Son of David,” and “the Son of Abraham.” From the following verses, who else is Jesus Christ called, “the Son of?” Matthew 8:20; Matthew 27:43

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