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FOURSQUARE CHURCH

## Introducing Jesus

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**Big Idea:** Matthew is the first book in the New Testament for a reason. He introduces who Jesus is, Son of man and also Son of God, his ministry and his New Covenant through the cross.

**Scripture:** *This is a record of the ancestors of Jesus the Messiah, a descendant of David and of Abraham: Abraham was the father of Isaac. Isaac was the father of Jacob. Jacob was the father of Judah and his brothers. Judah was the father of Perez and Zerah (whose mother was Tamar). Perez was the father of Hezron. Hezron was the father of Ram. Ram was the father of Amminadab. Amminadab was the father of Nahshon. Nahshon was the father of Salmon.*

*Salmon was the father of Boaz (whose mother was Rahab). Boaz was the father of Obed (whose mother was Ruth). Obed was the father of Jesse.<sup>6</sup> Jesse was the father of King David.*

*David was the father of Solomon (whose mother was Bathsheba, the widow of Uriah).<sup>7</sup> Solomon was the father of Rehoboam. Rehoboam was the father of Abijah. Abijah was the father of Asa.<sup>8</sup> Asa was the father of Jehoshaphat. Jehoshaphat was the father of Jehoram. Jehoram was the father of Uzziah. Uzziah was the father of Jotham. Jotham was the father of Ahaz. Ahaz was the father of Hezekiah.<sup>10</sup> Hezekiah was the father of Manasseh. Manasseh was the father of Amon. Amon was the father of Josiah.<sup>11</sup> Josiah was the father of Jehoiachin and his brothers (born at the time of the exile to Babylon).*

*After the Babylonian exile: Jehoiachin was the father of Shealtiel. Shealtiel was the father of Zerubbabel. Zerubbabel was the father of Abiud. Abiud was the father of Eliakim. Eliakim was the*

*father of Azor. Azor was the father of Zadok. Zadok was the father of Akim. Akin was the father of Eliud.<sup>15</sup> Eliud was the father of Eleazar. Eleazar was the father of Matthan. Matthan was the father of Jacob. Jacob was the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary. Mary gave birth to Jesus, who is called the Messiah. All those listed above include fourteen generations from Abraham to David, fourteen from David to the Babylonian exile, and fourteen from the Babylonian exile to the Messiah. Matthew 1:1-17 NLT*

## **The Synoptic Gospels “to be seen together”**

**Matthew** was written to the Jews.

*“This was written to fulfill what the prophets wrote” 16 times.*

**Mark** was written to the Romans. Fast paced and action packed. Key word *“Immediately”*

**Luke** was written to the Greeks. Orderly and chronologically. *“It seemed good to me also, having followed all things closely for some time*

*past, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, that you may have certainty concerning the things you have been taught.”*

Luke 1:3-4 ESV

**Matthew** (Levi) had been a Tax Collector hated by the Jews because he worked for Rome and likely had been money focused and unethical in his job. But when Jesus called him, he immediately left everything to follow him and began by introducing Jesus to his friends and colleagues.

His skills likely included keeping good records — Matthew is called the “teaching Gospel”

**Genealogies** were vital in the Jewish thinking. Every Priest had to prove his genealogy back to Aaron. Kings had to prove they carried Royal blood. Matthew 1 is the perfect transition from The Old Testament to the New Testament. It proves that Jesus is the Son of David.

The three Sections of the genealogy each have 14 names, for easier memorization, but more

importantly **they outline the journey of hope for all humankind.**

**1. Abraham to David**, the greatest King in Jewish History. We humans were created for greatness, to live in fellowship with God and to rule in partnership with God. *Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." So God created man in his own image, the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth."* Genesis 1:26-28 ESV

**2. Solomon to Josiah** — our slide down to shame and exile. Humans lost our greatness, and we used our free will and gifting from God to defy and

disobey him. *For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Claiming to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things. Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.*

Romans 1:21c-25 ESV

**3. Jechoniah to Jesus Christ** — hope is regained in Jesus to Christ. We now can regain greatness through Jesus. *Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.*

Romans 5:1-2 ESV



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