

Matthew 1:1-17

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“The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.”

Matthew starts his Gospel account with the lineage of Jesus, all the way back to Abraham. Why? Because his purpose in writing his book is to prove to the Jews that Jesus of Nazareth is the Messiah that they have been waiting for.

Through the prophets, God had continually pointed his people to one superior man who would make everything right. This man would come from Abraham and bless the nations of the earth (Genesis 22:18). He would establish the throne of David forever (2 Samuel 7:16). He would be a righteous branch from the line of David that would save and secure his people (Jeremiah 23:5-6).

What Matthew is saying to the Jews is that this Jesus meets the qualifications for being the Messiah in his genealogy. Now through this testimony, watch how he fulfills the rest of the prophecies in his actions. The Jews have created an image of the Messiah in their heads, but God's Messiah is better than anyone can imagine.

During this Advent season, take the time to consider how big the first advent was. We have not waited on a savior in the way the Jews did. Around 2,000 years had passed since God made his promise to Abraham and his descendants kept looking forward that whole time. Then, on one unsuspecting night, the wait was over! Today, there is no need to wait or search anymore. Our King and Savior has come. And he won't be found in a political party or standing behind a fancy pulpit. He is now sitting on the throne of God with all authority in his hand. His name is Jesus.

Are you still living as though you are waiting on a savior? Are you still working yourself to death to feel okay about who you are? Is there discontentment in your life because deep down you don't feel like you have found what you are looking for in life?

What about the unbelievers you are close to? Are they waiting on a savior? If so, then do not miss the importance of the advent of Jesus Christ. For in the riches of Jesus, God will supply every need that you have for His glory (Philippians 4:19-20). And He says, “Come to me all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest” (Matthew 11:28).