

JESUS, OUR SAVIOR KING

Matthew 1:1–25

Key Verse: 1:21

“She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”

1. How does Matthew introduce Jesus (1)? What does “Messiah” mean? Why were Abraham and David singled out in the genealogy of Jesus (Ge 22:18; 2Sa 7:12–13,16)?
2. How was God’s grace and faithfulness revealed in the history of the patriarchs (2–6a)? In the history of the kings of Judah (6b–11)? During and after the Babylonian exile (12–17)? Why might Matthew include several women in the genealogy (3,5,6,16)?
3. When Joseph learned of his fiancée Mary’s pregnancy, what did he decide and why (18-19)? How did God intervene (20–21,24–25)? What is the significance that Jesus was “conceived by the Holy Spirit” (18,20; Php 2:6; Col 2:9; Heb 4:15)?
4. Read verse 21. What does the Messiah do? What are the consequences of sin (Ro 3:23; 6:23; Heb 9:27; Rev 21:8)? How does Jesus save us from our sins (1Cor 15:3-4)? Why is Jesus the one worthy of our worship (Rev 5:12)?
5. How did God reveal his love and faithfulness in the birth of Jesus (22-23)? What can we learn here about God, especially his humility and his love (Jn 1:14; 3:16)? What does Immanuel mean to us?