

The Servant's Legitimacy

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Matthew 1

Two Sections

Section 1 - Jesus' family tree (1:1-17)

Section 2 - Joseph's dilemma (1:18-25)

JESUS' FAMILY TREE (1:1-17)

1. Jesus' Legal Legitimacy (v 1)

"Account" -

"Son of David" -

"Son of Abraham" -

Galatians 3:16

2. Jesus' Flawed Family Line (vv 2-16)

Hebrews 2:14-18

a. Judah's twins by his daughter-in-law (Genesis 38)

b. Unexpected outsiders God brought into the Messiah's Jewish heritage

- Tamar - a Canaanite woman (Genesis 38:6)
- Rahab - a prostitute who lived in Jericho (Joshua 2)
- Ruth - a Moabite widow (Ruth)

GOD OFFERS SALVATION FOR ALL PEOPLE

c. Noble insiders that behaved like outsiders

- David fathered Solomon by Uriah's wife
- Solomon chose 700 wives and 300 concubines
- Generational sin fed idolatrous rebellion against God
- Led to exile in Babylon

Verse 16 brings a plot twist

- “Fathered” - child conceived by sexual relations between a man and a woman
- Mentioned 39 times
- Joseph would not be the biological father of Jesus

JOSEPH’S DILEMMA (1:18-25)

1. Joseph and Mary were betrothed before she was pregnant

2. Galilean Betrothal -

3. Joseph’s decision to divorce her (v 19)

- “not wanting to disgrace her publicly”
- Secret bill of divorcement
- Slept on it

4. Joseph’s dream (v 20)

- Joseph, Son of David
- Don’t be afraid
- Mary’s pregnancy explained
>Jesus was to save people from their sins
- Two commands given to Joseph

Matthew provides confirmation for the prophecy of Isaiah to be fulfilled (Isaiah 7:14)

5. Joseph’s woke up and obeyed God (vv 24-25)

- Stayed married to Mary
- Named the son Jesus