



**“The Ancestry of the King”**  
**Mathew 1:1-17**  
**Coming of the King**

**Introduction:**

**Question #1: “What exactly is a gospel?”**

The Greek word for “gospel” is *euangellion* which quite literally means “good news”

**The Gospel is the God-Story! History is His Story!**

“Go into all the world and preach the GOSPEL to ALL creation.” (Mark 16:15)

**Question #2: “Why are there four gospels?”**

“The Gospel with Four Faces.” (Irenaeus)

**Question #3: “Who wrote the four gospels and why?”**

Matthew	— written to the Jews	— presents Jesus as the King
Mark	— written to the Romans	— presents Jesus as the Servant
Luke	— written to the Greeks	— presents Jesus as a Man
John	— written to every man	— presents Jesus as God

Matthew, Mark, Luke = Synoptic Gospels      John = Supplemental Gospel

The gospels are a four-fold portrait of Christ in perfect harmony, revealing Him as the Savior of the world.

**Introduction to Matthew’s Christmas Tree: The Genealogy of Jesus the Messiah (Matthew 1:1-17)**

**I. The Genealogical Record: The Family Tree of Jesus**

Jesus the Messiah was, in fact, a rightful member of the Family of David...and worthy of being called the King of the Jews (cf. Luke 3:23-38 traces Jesus’ bloodline back 76 generations to Adam)

**II. The Generational Lessons: The Value of Reflecting on the Family Tree of Jesus**

**Lesson #1: This genealogy reveals who Jesus really is.**

Genesis 3:15 - “I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed. He will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.”

Isaiah 53:6 - “ALL OF US like sheep have gone astray. EACH OF US has turned to his own way. But the Lord has caused the iniquity of us ALL to fall on HIM.”

Matthew wants us to know that Jesus is a REAL person...

The Gospel of Luke traces the biological ancestors of Jesus through Mary. The Gospel of Matthew traces the legal ancestors of Jesus through his adoptive father Joseph.

### **The Miracle of the Incarnation**

John 1:14 “And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.”

**Lesson #2: The genealogy reveals that God’s work of salvation is not limited by human sin and failure.**

**Lesson #3: The genealogy reveals that God uses all kinds of people to accomplish his purposes.**

### **Concluding Challenge:**

#### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS & ACTION ITEMS:**

1. Briefly share about your genealogy.
2. Do you have evidence of people in your family tree that were sincere followers of Jesus Christ?
3. In what specific ways are you presenting the gospel to people in your family?
4. Take some time to pray for your present and future generations.