



In today's Gospel (Matthew 1:1-17), Matthew traces the ancestry of Jesus all the way to Abraham with an emphasis on King David. He wanted to prove to the Jews that Jesus is the Son of David, the long-awaited Messiah who comes to save humanity.



With an interest in belonging and tracing our ancestry, all of us are part of the family of God. Let us live as true children of God.

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# GENEALOGY OF JESUS

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The eternal, almighty One has in time become a child. Coming down from his throne of light, in a manger he now lies. Praised by those who dwell on high, he wills to be praised on earth. Magi and the shepherds come; bowing down, they worship him, giving honor to their King.

O exult, town of Bethlehem!  
David's city, sing with joy! Born in you, from a virgin's womb, is creation's Lord and God.

Shepherds come to visit him and the Wise Men bring their gifts. In the cave they worship him, bowing down before their King. They leave, singing hymns of praise.

*Sedro-Liturgy of the Word for the Genealogy of Jesus*

