



**Introduction:** What if I told you that I was related to \_\_\_\_\_ ?

### 23 and Me

Who's who in your genealogy? What people are in your genealogical record that you would rather keep secret?

Many people make up the skeletons in \_\_\_\_\_ genealogy. Who are they? What was the purpose of one's genealogy?

In 70 A.D. the \_\_\_\_\_ destroyed the genealogy records that were kept in the temple. No longer were the Jewish people able to trace their ancestry, which decimated the priesthood.

Matthew 1:1-17 is referred to as, **Jesus' Tree of Life**. Have you ever seen the genealogy tree before? It looks like this (show picture).

Here in Matthew, we discover that Jesus' genealogy is traced from \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (verse 1) down to \_\_\_\_\_, the husband of Mary (v. 16).

In Matthew 1:1-17, we discover that there are \_\_\_\_\_ sections of the genealogy of Jesus Christ:

Don't miss the historical information shared in this section of Scripture:

#### I. From Abraham to \_\_\_\_\_ – Matthew 1:1-6

Verse 1 – 1 *The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham:*

The Greek word for genealogy used here is “ \_\_\_\_\_ ” and it means origin. We are going to discover where Jesus Christ came from. His family tree.

Don't miss the three important names listed here in verse 1. Jesus Christ, David, and Abraham.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ – Matthew 1:1

2. \_\_\_\_\_ – Matthew 1:2; Genesis 12:1-3

Verse 2 – *2 Abraham begot Isaac, Isaac begot Jacob, and Jacob begot Judah and his brothers.*

3. \_\_\_\_\_ – Matthew 1:3-6; Ruth 1-4

### Here come the Skeletons

Verses 3-6 – *3 Judah begot Perez and Zerah by Tamar, Perez begot Hezron, and Hezron begot Ram. 4 Ram begot Amminadab, Amminadab begot Nahshon, and Nahshon begot Salmon. 5 Salmon begot Boaz by Rahab, Boaz begot Obed by Ruth, Obed begot Jesse, 6 and Jesse begot David the king. David the king begot Solomon by her who had been the wife of Uriah.*

There are \_\_\_\_\_ women listed in the genealogy of Jesus Christ. All of them have a story. As you read this you are asking, “Are these women really in Jesus’ genealogy?” Let’s look at them:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ – Genesis 38

Matthew 1:3 - *Judah begot Perez and Zerah by Tamar. Perez begot Hezron, and Hezron begot Ram.*

**What do we have in the genealogy of Jesus Christ?**

2. \_\_\_\_\_ – Joshua 2

**What do we have in the genealogy of Jesus Christ?**

3. \_\_\_\_\_ – Ruth 1-4

*Ruth 4:16-22 - 16 Then Naomi took the child and laid him on her bosom, and became a nurse to him. 17 Also the neighbor woman gave him a name, saying, “There is a son born to Naomi.” And they called his name Obed. He is the father of Jesse, the father of David. 18 Now this is the genealogy of Perez: Perez begot Hezron; 19 Hezron begot Ram, and Ram begot Amminadab; 20 Amminadab begot Nahshon, and Nahshon begot Salmon; 21 Salmon begot Boaz, and Boaz begot Obed; 22 Obed begot Jesse, and Jesse begot David.*

**What do we have in the genealogy of Jesus Christ?**

4. \_\_\_\_\_ – **2 Samuel 11:1-12:23**

Who doesn't know the story of David and Bathsheba?

**What do we have in the genealogy of Jesus Christ?**

5. \_\_\_\_\_ – **Matthew 1:16**

**II. From David to the \_\_\_\_\_ Captivity – Matthew 1:7-11**

*7 Solomon begot Rehoboam, Rehoboam begot Abijah, and Abijah begot Asa. 8 Asa begot Jehoshaphat, Jehoshaphat begot Joram, and Joram begot Uzziah. 9 Uzziah begot Jotham, Jotham begot Ahaz, and Ahaz begot Hezekiah. 10 Hezekiah begot Manasseh, Manasseh begot Amon, and Amon begot Josiah. 11 Josiah begot Jeconiah and his brothers about the time they were carried away to Babylon.*

Thirteen times the word “ \_\_\_\_\_ ” is used in verses 7-11. This word means “bring a \_\_\_\_\_ into existence by

How would you like this list of kings in your genealogy? \_\_\_\_\_ of them were bad to very wicked. Only \_\_\_\_\_ of them were good. Again, Scripture doesn't hide the reality of the skeletons in Jesus' family tree.

Verse 11 – Israel was carried off to Babylon. It lasted \_\_\_\_\_ years.

**III. From the \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ – Matthew 1:12-17**

*12 And after they were brought to Babylon, Jeconiah begot Shealtiel, and Shealtiel begot Zerubbabel. 13 Zerubbabel begot Abiud, Abiud begot Eliakim, and Eliakim begot Azor. 14 Azor begot Zadok, Zadok begot Achim, and Achim begot Eliud. 15 Eliud begot Eleazar, Eleazar begot Matthan, and Matthan begot Jacob.*

Don't miss the name, \_\_\_\_\_. He was born during this time. He is mentioned as one of those who helped lead Israel out of captivity and back into their land. Remember that in the books of Ezra and Nehemiah that Zerubbabel played a key role.

Matthew 1:16 - *Jacob begot Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus who is called Christ.*

The third section takes the story down to \_\_\_\_\_. Jesus Christ was the person who liberated men and women from their slavery, who rescued them from their disaster, and in whom tragedy was turned into triumph.

This is a very interesting verse. Note that it does not use the word “\_\_\_\_\_”. That word was used in every other verse, but once here, it is no longer used. Instead, we read that Jacob begot Joseph the husband of Mary, *of whom was born Jesus who is called Christ*. No mention that Joseph begot Jesus. Why? Because Joseph didn't father Jesus. Jesus was supernaturally conceived by the Holy Spirit.

This is a proof text for the \_\_\_\_\_ birth of Jesus.

Notice that Jesus is called Christ. The word “Christ” means \_\_\_\_\_ of God or Messiah.

Matthew 1:1-17 provides for us the criteria needed to show us that Jesus Christ has ROYAL Blood flowing in His veins. He came from the Royal line of King David.

Matthew's Gospel seeks to present that Jesus Christ is Israel's rightful \_\_\_\_\_. No matter how skeletons were in His genealogy tree.

**Conclusion:** Wow! Just look at the \_\_\_\_\_ in the genealogy of Jesus Christ.

- \_\_\_\_\_ – A woman who played a prostitute.
- \_\_\_\_\_ – A harlot who knew she was a prostitute.
- \_\_\_\_\_ – A Moabite who descendant of an incestuous relationship between Lot and his daughter.
- \_\_\_\_\_ – A woman who committed adultery with King David, and who probably conspired with David to have her husband killed.
- \_\_\_\_\_ – A woman who was with a child before she came together with her husband.

And what about the list of the terrible, no good, very awful \_\_\_\_\_ ! These individuals were also a part of the genealogy of Jesus Christ.

I don't know your \_\_\_\_\_, I don't know your \_\_\_\_\_ but what I do \_\_\_\_\_ is that God uses all kinds of people. Don't you ever think of yourself as someone unable to be used by God? Like Mary make yourself available, and God will do GREAT things through you.