



CHRIST IN STRANGE PLACES

It's a Wonderful List

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Matthew 1:1,17-23

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This is the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah the son of David, the son of Abraham...Thus there were fourteen generations in all from Abraham to David, fourteen from David to the exile to Babylon, and fourteen from the exile to the Messiah.

This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 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.”

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”).

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Matthew 1:3

...Judah the father of Perez and Zerah, whose mother was Tamar...

Matthew 1:5

...Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab...

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...Boaz the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth...

Matthew 1:6

...David was the father of Solomon, whose mother had been Uriah’s wife...

“With such a list, Matthew gives us clues about the kinds of people that the Messiah came to save. He was to be a Savior for women and men who were both saints and sinners, Jews and Gentiles. This genealogy is truly comprehensive. Many can look at the stories of these women and men and find some reflection of themselves.”

- Kenneth E. Bailey, *Jesus Through Middle Eastern Eyes*

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Ephesians 1:6

To the praise of the glory of his grace, in which he has made us accepted in the beloved.

Hebrews 2:11

Both the one who makes people holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters.