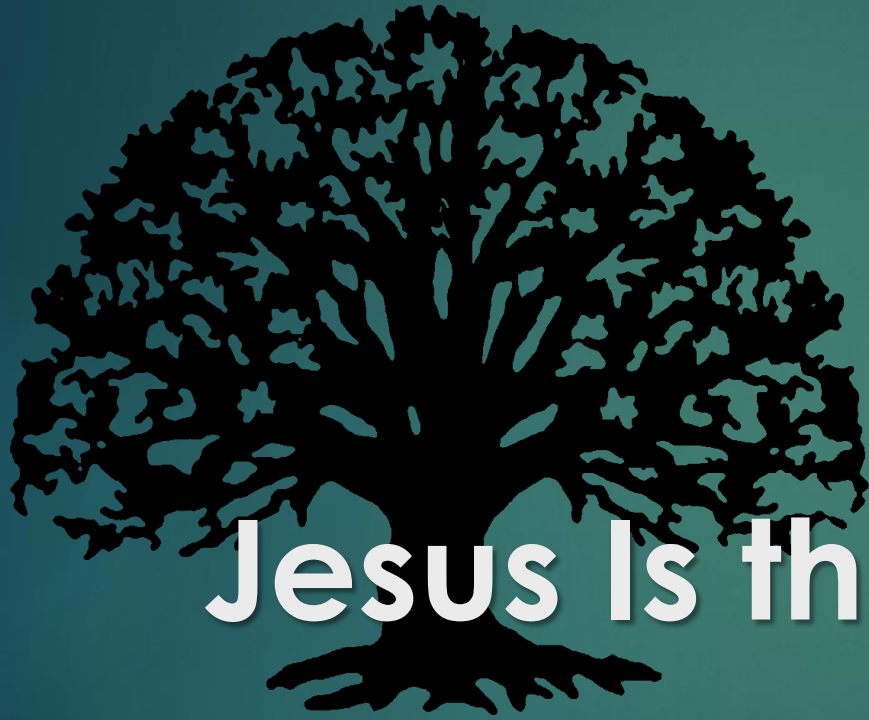


Bloodlines: The Genealogy of Jesus



Jesus Is the Messiah

MATTHEW 1:1-17

Adam and Eve

- ▶ God takes His time.
- ▶ Jesus' ancestors go back about two millennia.
- ▶ Adam and Eve's responsibility was to work in the garden of Eden by taking care of it and all the creatures that God had created.
- ▶ The serpent persuaded Eve to distrust the goodness, beauty, and kindness of God.
- ▶ God banished Adam and Eve from His presence.
- ▶ Even in their banishment from the presence of God, God promised a deliverer.

Abraham



- ▶ God called a pagan named Abram to leave his country and go to a land that He had promised to show him.
- ▶ Twenty-five years after God first promised Abraham a son, Isaac was born.
- ▶ Because of a famine, Israel and his sons went to Egypt.
- ▶ Hundreds of years later, the Pharaoh of Egypt placed the people of Israel into forced labor.
- ▶ God raised up Moses to deliver the people of God from Pharaoh, and they returned to the Promised Land.

David



- ▶ God eventually raised David to become king on the throne of Israel.
- ▶ David wanted to build a house for God in which God could be properly worshiped, but instead God said that he would build a house for David.
- ▶ For thousands of years, God promised to send a deliverer.
- ▶ Since the people of God did not hear from God for 400 years, they began to think that God had forgotten His promise to send a deliverer.
- ▶ God may take a long time to bring His promise to fruition, but He always fulfills his promises.
- ▶ The first thing we learn from the genealogy of Jesus is that God takes His time.
- ▶ Every single promise of God will be fulfilled!

God Breaks Into History



- ▶ Matthew began his Gospel with a genealogy, because he wanted us to know how God broke into history.
- ▶ Matthew wanted his readers to know that Jesus' birth, life, death, and resurrection was not just a story.
- ▶ Matthew wanted his readers to know this was Jesus' real genealogy, a historical record of an event that actually happened.
- ▶ If you do not understand what God was doing when He sent Jesus, then Christmas is meaningless.
- ▶ Through Jesus, God broke into and changed history forever.

Conclusion

- ▶ Old legends, fairy tales, and ancient myths depict wonderful things, but they are not factual.
- ▶ Jesus is not just another story pointing to an underlying reality, He is the ultimate reality to which all the stories point.
- ▶ Jesus is the one God anointed and sent to be the deliverer He promised to Adam and Eve.
- ▶ Jesus is the one God anointed by whom all the nations on earth would be blessed.
- ▶ Jesus is the one God anointed and sent to sit on David's throne for all eternity.
- ▶ Jesus is the only one who can save you from sin and hell.