

## THE GENEALOGY OF JESUS THE MESSIAH

Matthew 1:1-17

Key verse 1

*Discussion questions:*

- What is the significance of Matthew beginning his book with the genealogy of Jesus
- What hope can we find God's faithfulness in Jesus' genealogy?

*Inductive study questions*

1. Read verse 1. What were the promises which God gave to Abraham and to David? (Ge 12:2-3; 2Sa 7:12-16) How is Jesus the fulfilment of these promises? (Gal 3:16) What does Messiah mean? (Isa 9:6-7; Da 7:12-14)
2. Read verses 2-6a. Who were the patriarchs and how did they share Abraham's faith? (Heb 11:8-9) Who are the three women mentioned in the first period? What do they have in common? (Ge 38:14,25-26; Joshua 2:8-11; Heb 11:31; Ruth 1:16-17)
3. Read verses 6b-11. What does 6b tell us about David's sin and his faith? (2Sa 11:2-5; Ps 51:1-3) What happened to Israel during the kings who followed David? How bad did it get? (Jer 22:30)
4. Read verses 12-17. How could the exile to Babylon turn men's hearts to God's promises? What does it show about his redemptive history? What does it show about Jesus?