



Group Discussion and Application

1. What do you know about your own genealogy?
How important is this to you? Why?
2. Why are the genealogies of Scripture important?
3. Why do you think Matthew begins his gospel account with the genealogy of Jesus? Why does Matthew's differ from the one found in Luke 3?
4. Read v.17. Matthew omits several kings, repeats Jeconiah, and condenses parts of his genealogy to arrive at the pattern of three 14's. Why do you think Matthew used such a pattern and the number 14?
5. As those who do not live under a king, it is more difficult for us to identify with that that means. What are the implications of Jesus as our King?
6. What does it mean that Jesus is our Savior?
What does He save us from?
What does He save us to?
What aspects of salvation does the believer experience now? In the future?
7. What passages of Scripture teach and reinforce the fact that Jesus is God?
8. When you consider the lessons the genealogy of Jesus teaches about His person, what does this tell us about nature of the Scriptures?



Personal Reflection and Response

1. Which aspect of the person of Christ is especially meaningful to you at the present time? Why?
2. What response does this aspect of Christ call forth from you?
What specific action will you take in response?



Family Homework

1. What are your favorite Christian Christmas carols?
2. What does each teach us about Jesus?
3. Sing some of your favorite carols together as a family.
4. Read and discuss Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 2:1-20; and Matthew 2:1-12.



What Child Is This?

Matthew 1:1-17

Matthew's record of the genealogy of Jesus reveals ...

1

Jesus as **Chosen**

2

Jesus as **King**

3

Jesus as **Savior**

4

Jesus as **God**