

According To Matthew

Matthew 1:1-18

Intro:

- A. **We are a people who profess to believe in Jesus Christ.**
 - 1. We assemble in His name.
 - 2. We offer prayer in His name.
 - 3. We profess salvation through His name.
 - 4. We pattern our lives according to His.

- B. **We should know much about Him.**
 - 1. We must know Him or He is just a man that has power or magic.
 - 2. To not know about Him is to open ourselves to all manner of evil and confusion.
 - 3. We seek to learn of Him by studying the books that are written about Him.
 - 4. The only reliable books are the inspired books of the Bible.

- C. **At this time we begin a study of the history of Jesus, "according to Matthew."**
 - 1. Matthew is also called Levi, son of Alphaeus.
 - 2. He was a publican or tax-gatherer.
 - 3. In any arrangement of the gospels, his is always placed first, and considered to have been written first about 63 A.D., certainly before the destruction of the temple in 70 A.D.
 - 4. It is Jewish in its aim. It has genealogy that the Jews would demand.

I. The Genealogy of Jesus. vs. 2-17

- A. **"The book of the generation of Jesus Christ."**
 - 1. "book" = βιβλος
 - 2. "generation" = γενεσις = "origin, birth, genealogy"
 - 3. "Christ" = χριστος = "anointed". The Hebrew word signifying the same is Messiah. In ancient times when men were set apart to be a king or a priest or a prophet, they were anointed with oil. This set them apart.

- B. **"...the son of David, the son of Abraham."**
1. These are the patriarchs that the Jews demanded. So did the prophets.
 2. He is David's "son", a descendant. He is to sit on the throne of His father David.
 3. As Abraham's "seed" He will bless all nations.

- C. **The loins through whom Jesus came.**
1. God established a "godly" or a "faith" line through whom Jesus would come.
 2. They were not always godly or faithful.
 3. There were three divisions of 14 each. Not the same in Luke's but the explanation is that Matthew gives Joseph's genealogy and Luke gives Mary's.

II. The Birth of Jesus. vs. 18-

- A. **Mary and Joseph.**
1. "espoused" = μνηστευω = "to ask in marriage", "to woo", "to be betrothed"
 2. Among the Jews there was an interval of 10 or 12 months from the time of the contract of marriage and the exchanging of vows.
- B. **"before they came together"**
1. "but while she was still a virgin" - TCNT
 2. "before they were united in marriage."
 3. συνερχομαι = (Used of sexual intercourse)
- C. **"...she was found with child..."**
1. "found" = ευρισκω = "to meet with, discover."
 2. "with child" = εν = "in"; γαστηρ = "belly"
εχω = "to have"
- D. **"...of the Holy Ghost."**
1. αγιος πνευμα
 2. εκ, indicates the source.

III. The Virgin Birth.

- A. **It was prophesied.**
1. Isaiah 7:14
 2. "almah" = "a young woman"

B. **It was fulfilled.**

1. vs. 22-23

C. **It was necessary.**

1. As to Christ's nature.
2. As to His offering.

