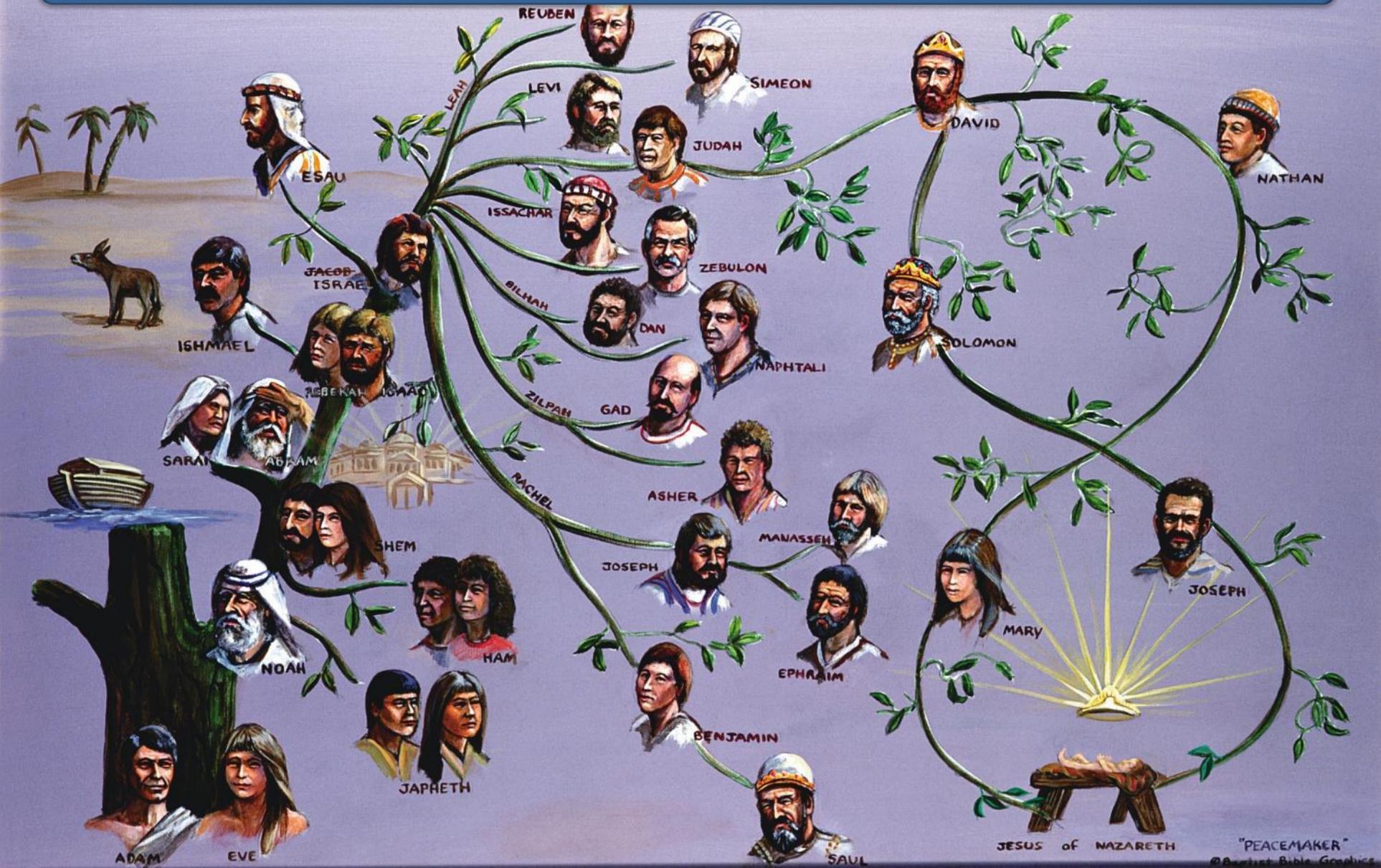


A classical painting depicting the Virgin Mary in profile, looking down at the infant Jesus who is lying in a manger. The scene is set against a warm, golden background. The text 'SON OF DAVID' is overlaid in the upper right quadrant.

# SON OF DAVID

Lesson 1 for April 2, 2016

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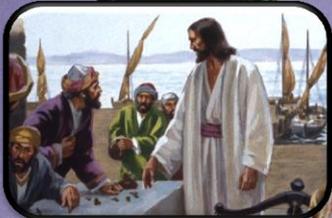
A genealogy that includes marginalized and sinful men and women instead of the eternal and divine nature of the King.



Jesus as our Savior. His ancestors already believed in Him (Matthew 1:21).



Pagans who bow down to honor the King who save them.



Jesus identifying with sinners like Matthew the tax collector. He then redeems them and makes them sons and daughters of God.

# THE SON OF GOD (John 1:1-3; Hebrews 1:1-3; Micah 5:2)

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." (John 1:1)

"He made the worlds... and upholding all things by the word of His power." (Hebrews 1:2-3)

"Whose goings forth are from of old, from everlasting" (Micah 5:2)

Just as the Old Testament itself began with a book about the Creation of the world, Matthew (hence the New Testament itself) starts with a book about the Creator Himself and about the work of Redemption that only the Creator could accomplish.



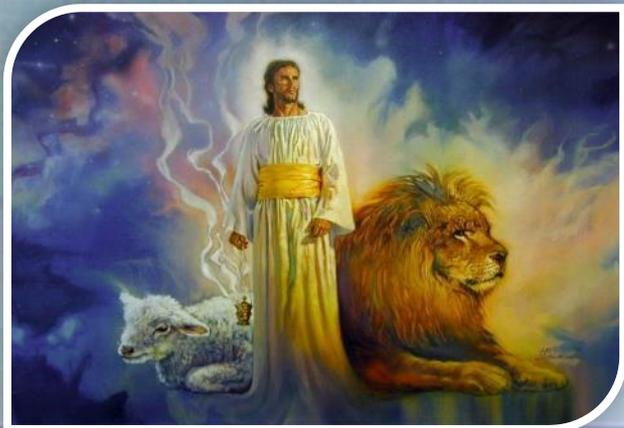
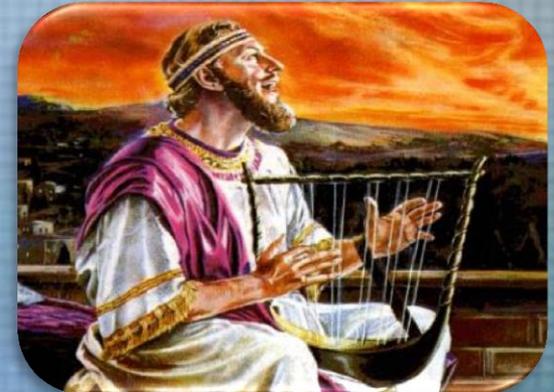
John began the gospel by heightening Jesus' divinity, and Matthew heightened His humanity; Jesus is the Messiah announced in the prophecy (Matthew 1:23; 2:6, 18, 23).

# THE SON OF DAVID

**"The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham." (Matthew 1:1)**

**Matthew wrote to Jewish readers initially, so he introduced Jesus as the Messiah; the seed of Abraham (Genesis 22:18), the son of David (Isaiah 9:7).**

**David was promised a steady and eternal throne (2 Samuel 7:17).**



**That promise was fulfilled in his descendant (Acts 2:29-30) Jesus of Nazareth, "the Root and the Offspring of David." (Revelation 22:16).**

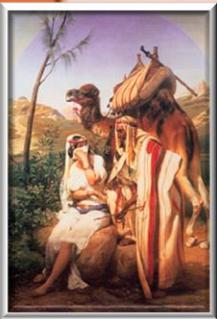
# THE WOMEN IN HIS GENEALOGY

(Matthew 1:2-17)

“Judah begot Perez and Zerah by Tamar... Salmon begot Boaz by Rahab, Boaz begot Obed by Ruth... David the king begot Solomon by her who had been the wife of Uriah.” (Matthew 1:3, 5-6)

Women were not mentioned in old genealogies. Nevertheless, Matthew included four women in the Messiah’s genealogy.

They were an example of faith among the sin and the exclusion of the people of God. They were worthy of being the mother of the Messiah.



**Tamar: Incestuous (Gn. 38)**

- “So Judah acknowledged them and said, ‘She has been more righteous than I.’” (Gn. 38:26)



**Rahab: Prostitute (Jos. 2:1)**

- “By faith the harlot Rahab did not perish with those who did not believe.” (Heb. 11:31)



**Ruth: Moabite (Dt. 23:3)**

- “your daughter-in-law, who loves you, who is better to you than seven sons.” (Ruth 4:15)



**Bathsheba: Adulteress (2S. 11:2-3)**

- “She bore a son, and he called his name Solomon. Now the Lord loved him.” (2S. 12:24)

# THE SAVIOR

(Matthew 1:18-25)

"And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins."  
(Matthew 1:21)

Jesus came to Earth to save the sinners.

Ungodly men may be found in His genealogy. Some of them repented, but others didn't.

Actually, the Earth has always been filled with sinners since Eden:

"For there is not a just man on earth who does good and does not sin."  
(Ecclesiastes 7:20).

Therefore, Jesus came to rescue people like us; sinners who need salvation.

"But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."  
(Romans 5:8)



# THE KING OF THE JEWS

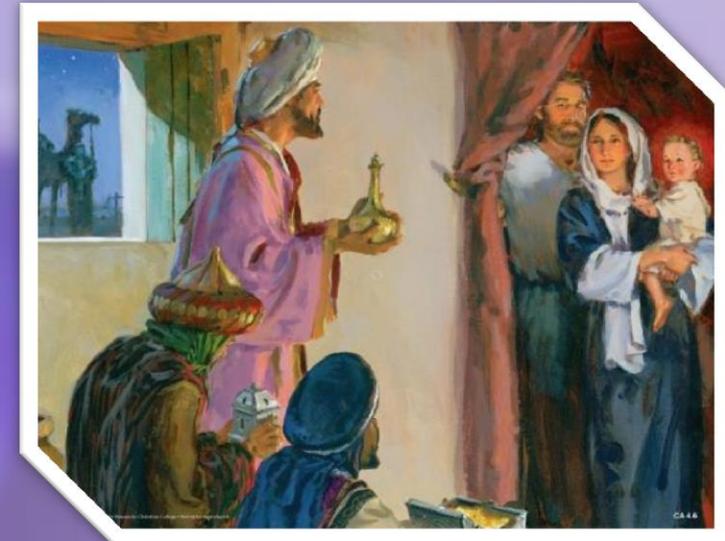
(Matthew 2:1-14)

“Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him.” (Matthew 2:2)

Luke explained how Jesus was born in a humble manger and was worshiped by shepherds who took care of the flock out in the open (that couldn't have happened on December 25—winter time in the northern hemisphere).



Matthew shows Joseph and Mary living at a house. They were willing to make Bethlehem their new home (Matthew 2:11).



The remarkable point in this story is that some Gentiles recognized Jesus as the king of the Jews while the Jews were ignoring or fearing the coming of the King.

**“The professed churches of Christ in this generation are exalted to the highest privileges. The Lord has been revealed to us in ever-increasing light. Our privileges are far greater than were the privileges of God’s ancient people. We have not only the great light committed to Israel, but we have the increased evidence of the great salvation brought to us through Christ. That which was type and symbol to the Jews is reality to us. They had the Old Testament history; we have that and the New Testament also. We have the assurance of a Saviour who has come, a Saviour who has been crucified, who has risen, and over the rent sepulcher of Joseph has proclaimed, “I am the resurrection and the life.” In our knowledge of Christ and His love the kingdom of God is placed in the midst of us. Christ is revealed to us in sermons and chanted to us in songs. The spiritual banquet is set before us in rich abundance.”**