

# THE STORY THE CEMETERY TELLS

## MATTHEW 1:1-17

<sup>1</sup>This is the genealogy of Jesus the **Messiah** the son of David, the son of Abraham:

<sup>2</sup>Abraham was the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers,

<sup>3</sup>Judah the father of Perez and Zerah, whose mother was **Tamar**,

Perez the father of Hezron, Hezron the father of Ram,

<sup>4</sup>Ram the father of Amminadab, Amminadab the father of Nahshon, Nahshon the father of Salmon,

<sup>5</sup>Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was **Rahab**,

Boaz the father of Obed, whose mother was **Ruth**,

Obed the father of Jesse, <sup>6</sup>and Jesse the father of King David.

David was the father of Solomon, whose mother had been **Uriah's wife**,

<sup>7</sup>Solomon the father of Rehoboam, Rehoboam the father of Abijah, Abijah the father of Asa,

<sup>8</sup>Asa the father of Jehoshaphat, Jehoshaphat the father of Jehoram,

Jehoram the father of Uzziah, <sup>9</sup>Uzziah the father of Jotham,

Jotham the father of Ahaz, Ahaz the father of Hezekiah,

<sup>10</sup>Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, Manasseh the father of Amon,

Amon the father of Josiah, <sup>11</sup>and Josiah the father of Jeconiah and his brothers at the time of the exile to Babylon.

<sup>12</sup>After the exile to Babylon: Jeconiah was the father of Shealtiel, Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, <sup>13</sup>Zerubbabel the father of Abihud, Abihud the father of Eliakim, Eliakim the father of Azor, <sup>14</sup>Azor the father of Zadok, Zadok the father of Akim, Akim the father of Elihud, <sup>15</sup>Elihud the father of Eleazar, Eleazar the father of Matthan, Matthan the father of Jacob, <sup>16</sup>and Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of **Mary**, and Mary was the mother of Jesus who is called the **Messiah**.

<sup>17</sup>Thus there were fourteen generations in all from Abraham to David, fourteen from David to the exile to Babylon, and fourteen from the exile to the **Messiah**.

Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_

*Gen. 12:3; 22:18; 28:24;  
2 Sam. 7:12, 16; Ps. 89:34-37; 132:11-12; Gal. 3:16;  
Rom. 1:3; Rev. 22:16*

God \_\_\_\_\_

*Num. 23:19; Josh. 23:14; Ps. 145:13; Acts 13:23; 2 Tim. 2:13; Heb. 10:23*

God \_\_\_\_\_

*1 Corinthians 1:26-29*

## TRANSFORMED BY THE TRUTH

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION

1. What are your favorite parts of the Bible? What are your least favorite parts? Where do genealogies fit on the spectrum? Why?
2. Use a concordance or search window to find every reference to the word "Messiah" (or "Christ") in the Gospel of Matthew. What is significant about Jesus being the Messiah?
3. Read Numbers 23:19, 1 Kings 9:5 and Acts 13:23. What promise has God made to you that you are still waiting to be fulfilled? How does the genealogy of Jesus relate to your longing?
4. Read 1 Corinthians 1:26-29. What is the most surprising name in the genealogy of Jesus? What does the inclusion of that name reveal about God? How does it encourage you?
5. What special purpose do you think God has for your life? What do you want to be remembered for?