

The Gospel Is
Good News,
Not Just Good
Advice!



Matthew 1:1-16 1
The record of the
genealogy of Jesus
the Messiah, the
son of David, the
son of Abraham:



Matthew 1:1-16 3

Judah was the
father of Perez and
Zerah by Tamar,
Perez was the
father of Hezron,
and Hezron the
father of Ram.



Matthew 1:1-16
5 Salmon was the
father of Boaz by
Rahab, Boaz was
the father of Obed
by Ruth, and Obed
the father of Jesse.



Matthew 1:1-16
6 Jesse was the
father of David the
king. David was the
father of Solomon by
Bathsheba who had
been the wife of
Uriah.



Matthew 1:1-16
16 Jacob was the
father of Joseph
the husband of
Mary, by whom
Jesus was born,
who is called the
Messiah.



Matthew 1:1-17 17
So all the
generations from
Abraham to David
are fourteen
generations;



Matthew 1:1-17
from David to the
deportation to
Babylon, fourteen
generations; and
from the
deportation to
Babylon to the
Messiah, fourteen
generations.



What is the first
thing that comes to
your mind when you
think about
Christmas?



Why did Matthew
begin his writings with
Jesus genealogy?



Jesus birth did not
start with the phrase,
“In a land far, far
away.”



The Gospel is Good News, Not Good Advice.

- *Advice is counsel about what you must do.*
- *News is a report about what has already been done.*



The Gospel is Good News, Not Good Advice.

- *Advice urges you to make something happen.*
- *News urges you to realize something already happened.*



The Gospel is Good News, Not Good Advice.

- *Advice says it is all up to you, act upon it.*
- *News says someone else has already acted upon it.*



Here is the good news:
the biblical Christmas text
are not fairy tales but
true accounts of history,
that don't tell you what
to do but what God thru
Christ has done for you!



Christmas is about what Christ did
for us that we could not do on our
own.

Matthew 27:46

About the ninth hour
Jesus cried out with a
loud voice, saying, “ELI,
ELI, LAMA SABACHTHANI?”
that is, “MY GOD, MY
GOD, WHY HAVE YOU
FORSAKEN ME?”



Hollywood produces
fairytale type movies
because society
hungers for them.



Deep down in our humanness we have a desire:

- To know what love is.
- To believe in the unbelievable.
- To experience the supernatural.
- To escape death.
- To triumph over evil.
- But fairytales are not true.



How many times have our children made the statement after reading a fairytale that they wished the story was true.

- A real superhero.
- A hero that had supernatural strength.
- A hero that could be everywhere and all knowing.
- A hero that could fly the universe.



Christmas is about a God who left the heavens and came to earth.

- A God who has supernatural powers.
- A God who can create miracles.
- A God who can heal the sick and raise the dead.



Then the story takes a twist.

- *His people turn on Him.*
- *He is beaten, crucified.*
- *He dies, He is buried.*
- *He is raised from the dead.*
- *He saves His people.*



The Christmas story is about bringing the fairytale to reality.

- The temporal is brought into the eternal.
- Evil is real and seeks to keep us in chains.
- Authority over evil has been given.
- There is unconditional love that can never be broken.



God knew that we could not save ourselves.

- Why did Matthew write about Jesus genealogy and not about the scene in the stable?
- It is about the significance of the resume.



Matthew list 5 women all mothers of Jesus.

- By listing these women, Matthew makes known some of the most nasty, immoral, adulterous and murderous stories in the Bible.



Tamar tricked her father-in-law to sleep with her.

- Rahab was a Canaanite and a prostitute.
- Uriah's wife was Bathsheba.
- This is a true dysfunctional family.



Isaiah 1:18 (NASB95)

18 “Come now, and let us
reason together,”

Says the LORD, “Though your
sins are as scarlet, They will
be as white as snow;

Though they are red like
crimson, They will be like
wool.



So what do you find if you open
up this gift of good news?

- *The world values, race, pedigree, money & values.*
- *This is what sets the world apart.*



But the true gift of
Christmas is that
prostitutes to kings,
male to female, all
races, moral to immoral,
all sit down at the Kings
table as equal.



But the true gift of
Christmas is that you no
longer have to prove
yourself because it
really doesn't matter
whether you are a
failure or success.



The true gift of
Christmas is that you
learn that life is no
longer about you but it is
all about what God thru
Christ has done for
you.....He took you place
on the cross and did for
you what you could not
do on your own.



AND THAT
MY FRIENDS
IS GOOD
NEWS!!





