

Questions on Matthew chapter 1

1. Why would Matthew begin his gospel with the lineage of Jesus? Verse 1.
2. If searching for a literal genealogy of Jesus, why include Joseph? Wasn't he simply the foster father of Jesus? Verse 1.
3. Why state that Jesus was the Son of David in the very first verse? Verse 1.
4. Why do you think Matthew mentioned the “brethren” of Judas (Judah)? Verse 2.
5. What in the life of Tamar (Genesis chapter 38) provided such a contrast to the Jewish national self-righteousness? Verses 3-4.
6. Why is it somewhat surprising to find Rahab (Rachab King James Version) and Ruth listed in the genealogy? Verse 5.
7. What statement reminds us of David's sin? Verses 6-7.

8. What do the men named in verses 6-11 have in common?

9. What tragedy of Jewish history is mentioned in verses 11-12?

10. Why doesn't the record say that Joseph begat Jesus? Verses 13-16.

11. Into what basic divisions did Matthew divide the names? Verse 17.

12. If Mary is only "espoused" (betrothed or engaged) to Joseph, why does the angel speak of her as his "wife"? Verse 18.

13. Why didn't Joseph believe that Mary was an expectant mother by the power of the Holy Spirit? Verse 18.

14. If the angel had informed Mary of the supernatural conception (Luke 1:31-35), wouldn't she have repeated to Joseph what the angel said? Verse 19.

15. What courses of action were open to Joseph while he was yet ignorant of the true cause of Mary's condition? Verse 19.

16. What convinced Joseph of Mary's innocence? Verse 20.

17. What "fear" could Joseph possibly have had that was overcome? Verse 20.

18. What do you think would be thought of Joseph and Mary in Nazareth? Verse 20.

19. What is the relation of the name the Babe is to wear with His ministry to the world? Verse 21.

20. What Old Testament scripture was fulfilled, according to verses 22-23?

21. What is the importance of the virgin birth to the sign? Verse 23.

22. What is the significance of the title "Immanuel"? Verse 23.

23. What did Joseph do in obedience to the angel's command? Verse 24.

24. How long did Joseph keep his wife a virgin? Verse 25.

Thought Question:

25. Where in the Bible can we read about Mary regarding her perpetual virginity, her sinlessness, her office as mediator for Christians, and her place in the church?