

**The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ,
the son of David, the son of Abraham.**

The
SCANDALOUS
Family Tree of Jesus

How many times have you started out reading *The Gospel According to Matthew*, hit this long, seemingly tedious set of names, and skipped down to **1:18** so you can get to the good stuff?

There's a lot more to learn from the first 17 verses of Matthew than we might think at first.

**The Gospel is Not Simply a Good _____ or
Good _____; It's Good _____**

- Matthew doesn't begin with "Once upon a time" or "Here's what you need to do." He begins by reporting what has _____.
- *Biblos geneseos*: book of the _____
- *Yeshua* (Hebrew: Yahweh _____) *Christos* (Greek: _____ one)



The Family Jesus Comes _____ Anticipates the Family He Has Come _____

- * _____ (**Gen 38**): disguised herself as a prostitute and seduced her father-in-law, Judah
- * _____ (**Josh 2**): a Canaanite prostitute from Jericho
- * _____: a Moabite, a polytheistic pagan nation that began with the incest between Lot and his oldest daughter
- * David & "the wife of Uriah" (**2 Sam 12**): we know her as _____, the woman Israel's greatest king wouldn't keep his hands off
- * _____ (**2 Kings 21**): built pagan altars in the Temple and offered his sons as human sacrifices
- * _____ (**2 Kings 24:8-9**): king of Judah when Jerusalem was captured

"You shall call his name Jesus, for he will _____ his people from their _____" (**Matt 1:21; Titus 2:11-15a**).

- "Such were some of you" (**1 Cor 6:9-11**)
- "The new has come" (**2 Cor 5:16-19**)
- Scandalous in the eyes of the world... (**1 Cor 1:18-25**)
- ...but he is not ashamed (**Heb 2:9-12**)

God May Take His _____, But He Keeps His _____

- From Abraham to Jesus = _____ years!
- You cannot judge God by your calendar. He may seem to be working very slowly or even forgetting, but when his promises come true... (**Eph 3:20-21**)