

Family Matters

Name a relative you are proud of. Describe a relative you're not proud of.

Read Matthew 1:1-25.

1. Why are genealogies important?
 - A. It provides identity.
 - B. To know who is part of your bloodline.
 - C. They provide boring spots—a good excuse *not* to read the Bible.
 - D. It lays out a frame of reference for how people relate to each other.
 - E. To practice reading names you'd usually never attempt.
 - F. I don't think genealogies are important.
 - G. To make it clear who are Jews and who are Gentiles (in and out).
 - H. To expose the good and the bad in your family line.
 - I. Other.

2. Why does Abraham get singled out for "Jesus the Messiah"?
 - A. He is clearly the most important Jew—the father of the Jews.
 - B. It's more likely Americans will pronounce his name correctly.
 - C. God promised Abraham a son, and Jesus is God's promised son.
 - D. Abraham followed God to an unknown land; Jesus did the same.
 - E. The others in the genealogy did too many embarrassing things.
 - F. It's all based on the song "Father Abraham had many sons . . ."
 - G. Jesus is the ultimate Jew—a descendent of Abraham.
 - H. It's not just Abraham; David gets singled out as well.
 - I. Other.

3. Why does David get singled out for "Jesus the Messiah"?
 - A. He is clearly the most important king of God's people.
 - B. It's more likely Americans will pronounce his name correctly.
 - C. God promised David an eternal heir who would reign.
 - D. David was an example of rising from a humble beginning to be king.
 - E. The others in the genealogy did too many embarrassing things.
 - F. All Jews, from kings to commoners, wanted the Messiah to be King.
 - G. Jesus is the ultimate king (David).
 - H. Just like David, Jesus defeated all of the enemies of God's people.
 - I. Other.

