

**The Science of Christmas**  
*A real God comes into a real world*

Part 4: **“The Miracle Birth”**  
*The genetics of Christmas*

*Matthew 1:1-17 (selected)*

*A record of the genealogy of Jesus Christ the son of David, the son of Abraham.*

*Abraham was the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers. Judah the father of Perez and Zerah, whose mother was Tamar...*

*(5) Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab, Boaz the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth, Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of King David.*

*David was the father of Solomon, whose mother had been Uriah's wife, Solomon the father of Rehoboam, Rehoboam the father of Abijah, Abijah the father of Asa, Asa the father of Jehoshaphat...*

*(16) ...and Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called the Christ.*

**I. A curious prologue**

- A royal family tree
- A crooked family tree

**II. A shattering problem**

*Matthew 1:18-19*

*This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Because Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.*

- A scandalous discovery
- An unimaginable claim

### III. A redeeming promise

*Matthew 1:20-25*

*But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”*

*All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: “The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him “Immanuel” – which means “God with us.”*

*When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. But he had no union with her until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.*

- The child is from God
- The child will save