



## From Outsider to Insider

Lessons from the Begats:

Matthew 1:1 (NIV)

*This is the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah the son of David, the son of Abraham:*

1. Our King always keeps His promises.

(Genesis 12:1-3; Deuteronomy 31:6; Isaiah 43:25; Hebrews 9:28)

Matthew 1:2-6 (NIV)

*Abraham was the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, <sup>3</sup> Judah the father of Perez and Zerah, whose mother was Tamar, Perez the father of Hezron, Hezron the father of Ram, <sup>4</sup> Ram the father of Amminadab, Amminadab the father of Nahshon, Nahshon the father of Salmon, <sup>5</sup> Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab, Boaz the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth, Obed the father of Jesse, <sup>6</sup> and Jesse the father of King David. David was the father of Solomon, whose mother had been Uriah's wife,*

2. Jesus' family tree was full of outsiders. (1 Timothy 1:15)

- God used ugly outsiders to bring about His beautiful Son!
- God saves by His mercy, not our merit.

- No matter who you are or what you've done, there is room in His family for you. (Galatians 3:27-29)

3. Christmas is your invitation to become the ultimate insider. (Isaiah 62:5)

- Because you are a bride you have been ascribed the worth of the Groom.

Matthew 1:18-25 (NIV)

*This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup> Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. <sup>20</sup> 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. <sup>21</sup> 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." <sup>22</sup> All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: <sup>23</sup> "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us"). <sup>24</sup> When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. <sup>25</sup> But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.*

- Insiders live like the prince or princess of the King that they are!