

# **LESSON 1**

## **MATTHEW 1:1 - 2:23**

1. What are the differences between the genealogy in Matthew and Luke? How would you reconcile those differences?
2. What is the significance of the naming Abraham and David in verse 1?
3. Who are the four women mentioned in the genealogy and what do you make of their inclusion?
4. What are the indicators of Joseph's character in chapter 1?
5. Consider verse 23 and the name prophesied by Isaiah. What elements of Jesus has Matthew now established?
6. What sort of men were magi? How did they arrive in Jerusalem?

7. Research Question: What sort of man was Herod?
8. Why do you think “all Jerusalem” was alarmed at the questions of the magi?
9. How do the chief priests and scribes know where Jesus will be born?
10. What is the context of Jeremiah 31:15 quoted here?
11. What prophecy do you suppose Matthew is referring to in 2:23?