

Mat 1:1 The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

Mat 1:17 So all the generations from Abraham to David were fourteen generations, and from David to the deportation to Babylon fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon to the Christ fourteen generations.

This account differs radically from that in Luke 3:23-38

Apparently in Matthew we have the actual genealogy of Joseph which would be the legal pedigree of Jesus according to Jewish custom. Luke apparently gives the genealogy of Mary, the real line of Jesus which Luke writes for the Gentiles. (Robertson)

Some observations – not an exact genealogy as David is counted in the first 14 generations and in the second. Lk gives 55 generations from Abraham, while Mt gives 43 meaning Mt had to omit several to get the memorable 14 generations.

The word “begat” in the KJV – a descendant of.

Mat 1:18-19 Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. (19) And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly.

Mat 1:18-19 Betrothal required a certificate of divorce so that she might marry another.

Deu 24:1-4 2 and she leaves his house and goes and becomes another man's wife, ... (4) then her former husband who sent her away is not allowed to take her again to be his wife, since she has been defiled; for that is an abomination before the LORD, and you shall not bring sin on the land which the LORD your God gives you as an inheritance.

Jesus later defines the indecency.

Mat 19:8-9 He said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart Moses permitted you to divorce your wives; but from the beginning it has not been this way. (9) "And I say to you, whoever divorces his wife, except for immorality, and marries another woman commits adultery."

Definition of fornication at its earliest Eze 23:3 and they played the harlot (Gr porneia in LXX) in Egypt.

They played the harlot in their youth; there their breasts were pressed and there their virgin bosom was handled.

Mat 1:20-22 But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. (21) She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” (22) All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

Mat 1:20 “Jesus is the same as Joshua, a contraction of Jehoshuah (Num 13:16; 1Ch 7:27), signifying in Hebrew, ‘Jehovah is helper,’ or ‘Help of Jehovah’”. So Jesus is the Greek form of Joshua (Heb 4:8) – Robertson

Mat 1:22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: (23) “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us).

Isa 7:14 the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel”

Isa 9:6 For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. 7 There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace, On the throne of David and over his kingdom, To establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness From then on and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will accomplish this.

Mat 1:24-25 When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, (25) but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus. (KJV)

*but kept her a virgin until she gave birth to a Son;
(NAS)*

Mat 1.25 ... he took his wife, (25) but knew her
not until she had given birth to a son.

Mt 1:25 but did not have marital relations with
her until she gave birth to a son, whom he
named Jesus. (NET online)

The Roman Catholic teaching that a man and
woman must consummate the marriage to be
married is incorrect.

Implying that after she bore Jesus, she was
Joseph's wife and had other children

Mat 13:54-56 He came to His hometown and began teaching them in their synagogue, so that they were astonished, and said, "Where did this man get this wisdom and these miraculous powers? (55) "Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not His mother called Mary, and His brothers, James and Joseph and Simon and Judas? (56) "And His sisters, are they not all with us? Where then did this man get all these things?"

