

# Study of Matthew



**Christ the King**

# Jewish Genealogy

- The Genealogy of Jesus, 1:1-17, Βίβλος γενέσεως, book of genealogy



# Euangelion in Matthew's gospel

- [Matthew 24:14](#)
- And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.
- [Matthew 26:13](#)
- Truly I tell you, wherever this gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her.”

# **Jewish Background and function of Genealogy**

- **Legitimate line of Jesus**
- **Universal theme of the good news of Jesus**



# Structure of Genealogy

- 14 generation pattern 3 times for the overall time frame
- “begat”—patterns
- Jesus “was born” not begat!
- Was born “Jesus”, but “called” Christ—



# Structure of Genealogy

- Significant theme in Matthew—  
what does it mean for Jesus to be called the Christ?
- Christ (Χριστός (Christos) used 17 times in Matthew
- Jewish concept of Χριστός (Christos) Messiah, anointed One



# “The Messianic hope”

- “...A burning conviction held with fanatical zeal, shaped under pressure of tyranny and persecution, and inspired by deep religious faith.”



# **Main features of Messianic Expectation?**

- **An apocalyptic vision of faith and hope of God's triumph with his people**
- **Simon the Righteous**
- **Demand for continuity and reliance on Tradition**
- **Holy War was deemed necessary**
- **Philo of Alexandria's Messianic Hope**



# **Inclusion of five women**

- **1:3, Tamar—her story is in Genesis 38**
- **1:5 Rahab-Joshua 2 and 6 (Heb. 11:31; James 2:25)**
- **1:5 Ruth—Ruth the Moabitess, Ruth 1:4, etc.**
- **1:6 Uriah's wife—Bathsheba—2 Samuel 11**
- **1:16 Mary—all questionable!**

