

TAKE HOME SHEET



Series: FourTold
Service: Why FourTold?
Speaker: Rusty Coram
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Read Matthew chapters 1-2. As you read, look at what is going on historically and politically as Jesus' birth is unfolding.

Why do you think Matthew started with a detailed family tree of Jesus' ancestors?

Mary and Joseph were ordinary young adults. Why do you think God chose them instead of more well-known and influential people?

Imagine you were living in the area around Bethlehem when Herod's troops came and killed all the male babies...how do you think that would have impacted you and your neighbors?

What might it have been like for Mary and Joseph to live as refugees in Egypt away from their family, friends, and all they knew?

BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:

NLT – New Living Translation

MESSAGE NOTES



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God wanted there to be no misunderstanding of our human problem and His divine remedy.

¹ Long ago God spoke many times and in many ways to our ancestors through the prophets.

² And now in these final days, he has spoken to us through his Son. God promised everything to the Son as an inheritance, and through the Son he created the universe.

Hebrews 1:1–2 (NLT)

His plan was (and is) to make the truth clear for all to know.

¹⁶ For we were not making up clever stories when we told you about the powerful coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. We saw his majestic splendor with our own eyes ¹⁷ when he received honor and glory from God the Father. The voice from the majestic glory of God said to him, “This is my dearly loved Son, who brings me great joy.” ¹⁸ We ourselves heard that voice from heaven when we were with him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹ Because of that experience, we have even greater confidence in the message proclaimed by the prophets. You must pay close attention to what they wrote, for their words are like a lamp shining in a dark place—until the Day dawns, and Christ the Morning Star shines in your hearts. ²⁰ Above all, you must realize that no prophecy in Scripture ever came from the prophet’s own understanding, ²¹ or from human initiative. No, those prophets were moved by the Holy Spirit, and they spoke from God.

2 Peter 1:16–21 (NLT)

The biographies of Jesus are God’s gift to both believers and skeptics.

The Bible’s history is honest, real, trustworthy and compelling.

If you look for truth, you may find comfort in the end; if you look for comfort you will not get either comfort or truth only soft soap and wishful thinking to begin, and in the end, despair.

C.S. Lewis, Mere Christianity