

The FAMILY *of our* LORD



MARY
Mother

JESUS
Our Lord

JAMES
Brother

JOSES
Brother

JUDE
Brother

SIMON
Brother

SISTERS
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AUNTIE
Beloved Aunt

Bound by Faith. United in Love. Chosen by God.

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To God Be The Glory

Dedication

To our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ—

Our Light in the darkness, our Rock of salvation, and the Author of our faith. May the words of this message bring glory to Your name and draw hearts ever closer to You.

Romans 11:36

"For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen."

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Abraham the Father of the Faithful

In this book I will search the scriptures and discover some of the truth about what our Lord's family life would have looked like. There are a variety of different views about what the family of our Lord consisted of, some claim Mary remained a virgin all her life and never had any other children apart from Jesus, Others claim Jesus had brothers and sisters. So let us look of the answers to these facts from the only place we will find them, and that is in the Holy Scriptures.

To better understand who Jesus is, and why his family life is so important for us to comprehend, we need to know about his past; we also need to go back about 2,000 years before He was even born, right back to the time of Abraham, known as the father of the faithful. It is important we understand the unconditional promises God made to Abraham concerning the birth and the life of Jesus Christ, that Jesus was to be a direct descendant of Abraham, and that the whole world was going to be blessed because of Jesus. We can see the promises God made to Abraham in regard to Jesus recorded for us in Gen 12:1-3.

Gen 12:1, ¶ Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will

shew thee:

*Gen 12:2, And I will make of thee a great nation,
and I will bless thee, and make thy name great;
and thou shalt be a blessing:*

*Gen 12:3, And I will bless them that bless thee,
and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall
all families of the earth be blessed.*

Abram, who was later renamed Abraham by God, received these promises from God. They are unconditional and irrevocable. Abram was to go to the land God would show him and he would become a great nation, and his name would become great. God would bless those who bless Abram and will curse those who curse him.

The greatest part of this promise is the last part. Here, God tells Abram that all the families of the earth will be blessed, not just his own family, but all families. This is a direct reference to Jesus Christ and how he was to bring salvation to all nations, because the gospel of salvation is a common salvation and is open to all who will accept Jesus Christ as their Lord.

This promise God made to Abraham, and passed down through his offspring, that all nations of the earth will be blessed, is a direct reference to Jesus Christ and what he was going to do. Abraham was told it was going to be through his offspring. Therefore, this promise was for a time in the future.

Abraham's Ancestral line extends down to King David, where we see God giving David another promise, and this one is also unconditional. This prophecy from God to King David is

found in 2Sa 7:12-16.

2Sa 7:12, And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom.

2Sa 7:13, He shall build an house for my name, and I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever.

2Sa 7:14, I will be his father, and he shall be my son. If he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men:

2Sa 7:15, But my mercy shall not depart away from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away before thee.

2Sa 7:16, And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever.

David's throne would endure indefinitely, and the promised Christ was going to come from one of his families descendants. This truth will be made evident a little later in this book, and it is truly miraculous who was chosen to be the parents of this promised seed.

The New Testament describes Jesus as “The Son of David” seventeen times. This title, “The Son Of David”, is much more than a declaration of the physical genealogy of Jesus and his connection to King David. It is a “MESSIANIC TITLE”. So when people called him “the son of David”, they were referring

to him being the long awaited fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies that were made to King David.

Jesus was addressed as both Lord, and Son of David on at least two occasions by those who were asking for his healing power. By calling him “LORD”, they were expressing their faith in him having the power to heal them. And “SON OF DAVID” was referring to his ancestry from David, and that he was fulfilling the prophecies given to David, that the messiah was going to come from one of his descendants. Jesus tells us plainly and simply that he is a descendant of King David in Rev 22:16.

Rev 22:16, I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.

We have established that Jesus was a direct descendant of King David, and was therefore eligible to sit on David’s throne as the King of Israel.

Let us now look at Joseph and Mary, and see what we can learn about their marriage and life together in Nazareth.

Joseph and Mary

When Joseph met and fell in love with Mary, what would have been his expectations for their future together? He assumed their future would be typical for a young couple living in that region and at that time in history.

He, Joseph, would work in his business to support the family, while Mary looked after their home. She would do the usual things that a wife did: shopping in the markets, cooking, cleaning and taking care of their home, and this would involve having and raising children. Joseph and Mary were just like any other young couple, planning their future together.

What about Mary's expectations? Were Mary's expectations the same as her husband's? She would have felt excited about the prospect of being a good wife, which included having a normal loving relationship with Joseph and having his children. During that time, society deemed a barren woman as cursed, so Mary, as a wife, would yearn for a family.

There was nothing special about either Joseph or Mary that would show the amazing future they were about to embark upon. Joseph and Mary were familiar with the Old Testament and would have known about the prophecy of the virgin birth. But there was absolutely no sign Mary was to be this chosen

virgin. So their plans would not have included this possibility. Until the angel visited Mary with the news that she was the chosen virgin that was Prophesied to give birth to the Messiah.

It is important to remember that Mary and Joseph had already entered a betrothal, and this was before the Angel of the Lord came to her with the news that she was to become the mother of our Lord. They had planned their futures, and were preparing for a life as man and wife.

Upon discovering Mary was pregnant, Joseph decided to divorce her. His reaction is typical, especially in a historical context. Most men would do the same thing in his position even today. Then the angel came to Joseph in a dream and advised him that the child in Mary was from God and that he should still take her as his wife. Joseph agreed to this request from the angel once he understood how Mary had become pregnant. This is evident from Mat 1: 18-21.

Mat 1:18, ¶ Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.

Mat 1:19, Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily.

Mat 1:20, But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.

Mat 1:21, And she shall bring forth a son, and

*thou shalt call his name JESUS:3 for he shall save
his people from their sins.*

So Joseph and Mary were totally unaware of what was in store for them when they first became betrothed.

The Betrothal of Joseph and Mary

Understanding the meaning of the term betrothed in the days when Joseph and Mary were pledged to be married is vital. The term today simply means to be engaged to be married. The engaged couple today can lawfully break this non-binding engagement. To accept the meaning of betrothed as we do today, is to miss out on a crucial point that changes everything about the marriage of Joseph and Mary. Once they became betrothed, they were legally married, and the only way to dissolve this betrothal was through a divorce. They could not simply walk away from their obligations to each other.

In ancient Jewish culture, there were two steps involved in a marriage. First was the betrothal that could last for a year or more. During this time, the husband would prepare a place for them to live, and the wife would prepare for marriage.

This was the case for Joseph and Mary. They were legally married. That is why Joseph was called Mary's husband, and Mary was Joseph's wife. They could not consummate their marriage until the second step of the process of marriage had taken place. Once Joseph had completed his task of preparing a place for them to live, he would collect his bride and they would have the actual marriage ceremony and celebration. Only after this could they legally consummate their marriage.

Joseph entered a betrothal with Mary. They were legally married and Mary was still a virgin. This is when Mary became pregnant with Jesus. Then the disappointed Joseph was about to divorce Mary as the only way to break their betrothal legally. Then Joseph was told in a dream by an angel to take Mary as his wife because the baby she carried was from the Holy Spirit.

Joseph obeyed the angels' advice and continued the marriage process and formalised their marriage, except for one very important point. they did not consummate their marriage. This was to ensure Mary was a virgin right up to the time Jesus was born.

The Catholic church and others claim Mary remained a virgin all her life. This is contrary to what we learn from the scriptures. Read verse Mat 1:25 in the following versions of the bible to see how they interpret this verse.

(AFV) But he did not have sexual relations with her until after she had given birth to her Son, the firstborn; and he called His name Jesus.

(BBE) And he had no connection with her till she had given birth to a son; and he gave him the name Jesus.

(ESV) but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

(ISV) He did not have marital relations with her until she had given birth to a son; and he named him Jesus.

(NirV) But he did not make love to her until after she gave birth to a son. And Joseph gave him the name Jesus.

(WEB) and didn't know her sexually until she had given birth to her firstborn son. He named him Jesus.

It should be obvious from these versions of Mat 1:25, that Mary remained a virgin until Jesus was born, after this Joseph and Mary would have had a normal sexual relationship. Those who claim Mary was a virgin for life dismiss this and refuse to accept what God has revealed in his holy scriptures.

Knowing the original order and steps of the Jewish marriage helps us to better understand these verses even more. The betrothal had taken place before Mary became pregnant, but the actual marriage ceremony had not. Joseph continues with the marriage ceremony, but they did not consummate their marriage until after Jesus was born. Mary was married, but she remained a virgin until Jesus was born.

This all shows that Jesus's parents faithfully raised him and fulfilled their marriage vows and obligations to each other and most importantly, to God.

The following quotes are from churches telling us the importance of consummating a marriage.

QUOTE 1.

“In the context of marriage, consummation means the actualisation of marriage. It is the first act of sexual

intercourse after marriage between a husband and wife. Consummation is particularly relevant under canon law, where failure to consummate a marriage is a ground for divorce or an annulment.”

Quote 2.

Once a marriage has been ratified, IE. vows exchanged in the presence of the Church’s minister and two witnesses, then consummation marks the point at which the marriage becomes indissoluble. The two become one flesh, and “what God has joined together, let no man put asunder.”

END OF QUOTES.

Therefore, if a marriage is thought as being “completed” until the couple consummated it. Then Joseph and Mary’s marriage would never reach completion if Mary remained a virgin all her life. Because their marriage was never consummated, Joseph, being a normal male with normal male needs and wants, could have annulled his marriage to Mary.

Joseph and Mary had a normal marriage with normal sexual relationships after the birth of Jesus and raised at least six other children. The evidence of this is plainly shown in the holy scriptures.

Brothers and Sisters of Jesus

To try to disprove the fact that Joseph and Mary had other children after Jesus, some churches claim the brothers and sisters of Jesus mentioned several times in the Bible belong to Joseph from a previous marriage. Another idea put forward is that Joseph had adopted them before he married Mary.

It is quite simple to disprove both of these fabricated ideas. The first possibility of Joseph having these children from an earlier marriage simply does not stand up for one excellent reason. If Joseph had other sons before he married Mary, then the eldest of them would have inherited the throne of David before Jesus, this would make Jesus ineligible to inherit the throne of David. This disproves the idea Joseph had other children from a previous marriage.

The second option is essentially identical to the first option. Any children legally adopted into Joseph's family would have the same privileges as a son conceived naturally. This was the law 2000 years ago. This suggests the oldest adopted child would have a stronger claim to David's throne than Jesus would.

This leaves us with only a third option. That Joseph and Mary had a normal sexual relationship after Jesus was born, and

the Brothers and sisters of Jesus mentioned in the Bible are his actual half brothers and sisters. Definitely not from a previous marriage and equally not from adoption.

The Betrothal of Joseph and Mary, mentioned earlier, should have cleared up the false teaching that Mary remained a virgin all her life.

I have one more thought to add to this, but I cannot prove it. But I believe it is worth mentioning here. Why would God complicate the birth of his son by using a previously married man to be the legal father of our Lord? My thoughts on this matter are that Joseph would have also been a virgin to keep the marriage bed pure and undefiled. God would have handpicked Joseph to be the legal father of Jesus. Therefore, his life before marrying Mary would not have come with “extra baggage” as we would describe it today.

It is also important that in verse 25 Jesus was called their “firstborn son”, he was not their only son. Jesus Christ was the first-born son of Mary. The rest of her children were from a normal marital relationship with Joseph. The following scriptures are evidence of Jesus having brothers and sisters. Starting in the book of John 2:11-12.

Joh 2:11, This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him.

Joh 2:12, After this he went down to Capernaum, he, and his mother, and his brethren, and his disciples: and they continued there not many days.

This is immediately after Jesus performed his first miracle of turning water into wine. Then He and his mother and his brethren, and his disciples went to Capernaum. His brethren were not his disciples, because they are also mentioned separately in this verse. Therefore, they can only be his family, his brothers and sisters.

The next example is when Jesus returned to his hometown of Nazareth. Keep in mind, Nazareth was a small village where Joseph and Mary lived for a while. Therefore, the villagers knew them all. Everyone living there would have known their family very well. There would be no question about whether Jesus had any siblings, as they all would have witnessed Mary's pregnancies with all her children. Listen to what the villagers from Nazareth had to say about Jesus when he went there to preach in their synagogue in Mark 6:1-4.

Mar 6:1, And he went out from thence, and came into his own country; and his disciples follow him.

Mar 6:2, And when the sabbath day was come, he began to teach in the synagogue: and many hearing him were astonished, saying, From whence hath this man these things? and what wisdom is this which is given unto him, that even such mighty works are wrought by his hands?

Mar 6:3, Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, the brother of James, and Joses, and of Juda, and Simon? and are not his sisters here with us? And they were offended at him.

Mar 6:4, But Jesus said unto them, A prophet is not without honour, but in his own country, and

among his own kin, and in his own house.

Notice the last verse in this passages of scripture. There is no honor for a prophet in his hometown or in his own household. His household members were his brothers and sisters, as Joseph and Mary were aware of Jesus' true identity prior to his birth. The passage of scripture proves beyond any shadow of doubt that Jesus had brothers and sisters, who were the biological offspring of Joseph and Mary. These people, who lived in Nazareth and knew the family of Joseph and Mary very well, believed and vocalised this thought that they had other children apart from Jesus.

This same incident is recounted in Mat 13:53-57.

Mat 13:54, And when he was come into his own country, he taught them in their synagogue, insomuch that they were astonished, and said, Whence hath this man this wisdom, and these mighty works?

Mat 13:55, Is not this the carpenter's son? is not his mother called Mary? and his brethren, James, and Joses, and Simon, and Judas?

Mat 13:56, And his sisters, are they not all with us? Whence then hath this man all these things?

Then in the book of Matthew, the text mentions Jesus' brothers again in Mat 12:46-47.

Mat 12:46, ¶ While he yet talked to the people, behold, his mother and his brethren stood without, desiring to speak with him.

Mat 12:47, Then one said unto him, Behold, thy mother and thy brethren stand without, desiring to speak with thee.

Then back in the book of Mark, we see both his brothers and sisters standing outside where Jesus was preaching and wanting to talk to him in Mar 3:31-32.

Mar 3:31, ¶ There came then his brethren and his mother, and, standing without, sent unto him, calling him.

Mar 3:32, And the multitude sat about him, and they said unto him, Behold, thy mother and thy brethren without seek for thee.

After Jesus's resurrection from the dead, his brothers believed he was the Son of God, as illustrated in the book of Acts 1:13-14.

Act 1:13, And when they were come in, they went up into an upper room, where abode both Peter, and James, and John, and Andrew, Philip, and Thomas, Bartholomew, and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon Zelotes, and Judas the brother of James.

Act 1:14, These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.

In verse 13 the disciples of Jesus are all named, then in verse 14 his brethren are mentioned, and these are the brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ.

Paul refers to James as the brother of the Lord in Galatians 1:18-19.

Gal 1:18, Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and abode with him fifteen days.

Gal 1:19, But other of the apostles saw I none, save James the Lord's brother.

It is worth noting that Jesus' siblings also married, as mentioned in 1 Corinthians 9:3-5.

1Co 9:3, Mine answer to them that do examine me is this,

1Co 9:4, Have we not power to eat and to drink?

1Co 9:5, Have we not power to lead about a sister, a wife, as well as other apostles, and as the brethren of the Lord, and Cephas?

The brothers of the Lord brought their wives with them, which adds another interesting level to our Lord's family. If his brothers and sisters married, they would undoubtedly have had children who would be Jesus' nieces and nephews. Then, one more fact reveals itself to us in Joh 19:25.

Joh 19:25, Now there stood by the cross of Jesus his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene.

Here, by the cross, was the mother of Jesus and her sister. Therefore, this sister of Mary can only be an auntie of Jesus. When examining our Lord's family structure, we can see a typical family for that period.

It is my belief we only see the one side of Jesus. We do not consider he may have had a very ordinary life when he was not preaching. His public ministry did not begin until he was around 30 years of age. Therefore, he lived with his brothers and sisters, his auntie or aunties, and maybe an uncle or two. He would have played with his nieces and nephews the same as most uncles do today.

Jesus was not strutting around with a “holier than thou” attitude. He would have enjoyed a very loving relationship with his family.

Mary the Mother of Jesus

In the book of Luke, we have the genealogy of Mary, the mother of Jesus, all the way back to King David, and then back even further to Abraham, and finally, all the way back to Adam and Eve. Therefore, Mary is a direct descendant of David through David's son Nathan. This would give her son, Jesus Christ, the right to the throne of David. He would be the righteous "Branch" that would come from the family line of David as was promised to David in Isa 11:1.

Isa 11:1, ¶ And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots:

Mary was a virgin and the virginal birth would bypass the transmission of the sin nature, allowing the child to be sinless and to be the Messiah. This was essential for the prophecy in Isaiah to be fulfilled, that a virgin would give birth as is recorded in Isa 7:14.

Isa 7:14, Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

The prophecy of a virgin birth was vital, and therefore

Matthew reminded his readers of this all important fact that was crucial in identifying Jesus as the Messiah s revealed to us in Mat 1:23.

Mat 1:23, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

Mary could not be married in the full sense of being married, she was betrothed, but their marriage had not been consummate. Otherwise, people would assume that her husband was the actual father of our Lord. She had to have an excellent reputation if her narrative of a virgin birth was going to be believed.

As we always see with God, he starts with the small things. He rarely uses the powerful people of the world to carry out his plans. To be called a Nazarene, or a Galilean, was an insult in those days as we are told in Joh 1:46.

Joh 1:46, And Nathanael said unto him, Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth? Philip saith unto him, Come and see.

But this is the village God chose for Jesus to grow up in. Nazareth was one of the lowliest villages in Israel, but God had always planned for the Messiah to be raised in this village.

Mat 2:23 And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, He shall be called a Nazarene.

The prophets foretold and pointed to Bethlehem in Judah as the birthplace of the Messiah. Many virgins have descended from the royal line of David. But only one virgin in all of Israel had the right qualifications to carry the promised Messiah.

It is interesting to note that according to prophecy, Jesus was to be born in Bethlehem, as Micha 5:2 states.

Mic 5:2, But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.

Jesus was to be born in Bethlehem, yet Joseph and Mary lived in Nazareth approximately 90 miles away. So why did they come to Bethlehem where Jesus was born. The answer to this is found in Luke 2:1-4.

Luk 2:1, And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.1

Luk 2:2, (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.)

Luk 2:3, And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

Luk 2:4, And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)

Therefore, Joseph and Mary had to travel for approximately 4 days to get to Bethlehem to register for this taxation, and Mary was heavily pregnant at this time.

It is important to realise Mary was not holier than the other virgins of her time. She was an ordinary young woman who found favour in the eyes of God. Mary was a good and godly woman, but the angel Gabriel was emphasising her privilege and not her piety. Mary was of the right blood line to be the mother of our Messiah. This is why God chose her from among all the virgins in Israel to receive His grace.

The answer Mary gave to the angel Gabriel when he came to give Mary the news that she was the chosen virgin to carry the Messiah, shows her love and devotion to her God. She did not hesitate, even though she must have realised by accepting this task of being the Lord's mother she would find opposition. The following passage of scripture reveals the encounter Mary had with the angel Gabriel, and when you come to the last verse here, you will see the willingness of Mary to accept the grace God was showing her. This encounter between Mary and the Angel Gabriel is given to us in Luk 1:26-38

Luk 1:26, ¶ And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth,

Luk 1:27, To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.

Luk 1:28, And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord

is with thee: blessed art thou among women.

Luk 1:29, And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be.

Luk 1:30, And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God.

Luk 1:31, And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.

Luk 1:32, He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:

Luk 1:33, And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

Luk 1:34, Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?

Luk 1:35, And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

Luk 1:36, And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren.

Luk 1:37, For with God nothing shall be impossible.

Luk 1:38, And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.

I would hope we could all respond to the calling of God with the same amazing attitude Mary has shown.

Mary was the perfect choice to be the mother of our Lord, she was an amazing person, but she was not perfect, as some may have you believe. We are all sinners and fall short of the glory of God as we see in Rom 3:23.

Rom 3:23, For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

Mary understood that she was a sinner like everyone else and needed a saviour, just the same as you and I do today. The only person who was sinless was Jesus Christ himself. All the rest of humanity are sinners. Listen to the comments Mary made in Luk 1:46-47.

Luk 1:46, And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord,

Luk 1:47, And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

Mary would not need a saviour if she was born without sin and then never sinned in all her life? Yes, even Mary needed as saviour and that turns out to be her very own Son Jesus Christ.

So now let us turn our attention the Joseph, the legal, though not biological, father of our Lord.

Joseph the Legal Father of Jesus

According to the book of Matthew, Joseph's genealogy also traces back to King David, but through David's other son, Solomon. Mary's lineage comes from David's son Nathan. This means that both Joseph and Mary are direct descendants of King David. We can see Joseph's genealogy in Mat 1:1-16, and when we come to verse 16 we discover 1 very important thing. Joseph is not called the father of Jesus, rather he is called the husband of Mary, this is because he was not the physical father of Jesus but he was the husband of Mary as we see in Mat 1:16.

Mat 1:16, And Jacob begat Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ.

Therefore, Joseph was a perfect match for Mary, as they both were descendants of King David. What are the chances of these two people, living in Nazareth, finding each other and agreeing to marry? This is surely the plan of God coming to fulfilment.

From this we can plainly see Joseph was the heir to sit on David's throne as the king of Israel. He may not have felt, or looked like a king, but this is exactly what he was. Therefore, Jesus inherited the throne of David from his legal father, Joseph and from the bloodline of his mother, Mary.

If you have ever wondered why Joseph is not mentioned after Jesus began his public ministry, the answer to that question is that Jesus could not claim the throne of David while his father, Joseph, was still alive. As we know and understand, even today, the king must die before the legal heir to the throne can claim the title as king. Therefore, Joseph had to die before Jesus began his public ministry, so Jesus could rightfully claim to be the King.

Do you see the amazing connection between Joseph and Mary? They are both descendants of King David, to whom the promise of the Messiah was to come. How perfect is this? The only two people who were direct descendants of David. Found each other and became the parents of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Few people realise Joseph was in line to sit on the throne of King David. Jesus' legal title to the throne of King David was through Joseph. But his blood title to the throne was through Mary.

The apostle Paul makes it very clear in verse 3 below that Jesus was a descendant of King David in Rom 1:1-4.

Rom 1:1, Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God,

Rom 1:2, (Which he had promised afore by his prophets in the holy scriptures,)

Rom 1:3, Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh;

Rom 1:4, And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the

resurrection from the dead:

We can find one passage in the bible that sums up what Jesus has done for us, proves that the promises God made to Abraham, and later to David were all fulfilled in Jesus. Heb 2:9-11.

Heb 2:9, But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.

Heb 2:10, ¶ For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

Heb 2:11, For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren,

Therefore, Jesus Christ was the legal heir to the throne of David, and was the fulfillment of the promises made to Abraham long before Jesus was born.

Conclusion

My aim in this video was to reveal some facts about the life and family of our Lord Jesus Christ. Maybe there are some things here that you have never considered before, such as.

1. Joseph was a direct descendant of King David through his son Solomon, and was in line to inherit the throne of David.

2. Mary was also a direct descendant of King David through his other son Nathan.

3. This made Joseph and Mary the perfect couple to raise God's only son, Jesus Christ.

4. Mary was not born free of sin. She was exactly the same as any other virgin of her time.

5. Mary needed a saviour like everyone else as we see Luke 1:47.

6. After Jesus was born, Joseph and Mary had other children through normal sexual relations. The brothers are all named in Matthew 13:55 as James and Joseph and Simon and Judas. In verse 56, there is also a mention of at least 2 sisters.

7. The siblings of Jesus were married, and no doubt had their own children who would have been nieces and nephews of

Jesus.

8. Jesus had at least one auntie, as we see in John 19:25.

9. Before Jesus could claim the throne of David, Joseph, his legal father, had to die. This is the reason Joseph does not appear during the latter part of our Lord's ministry. While Joseph was still alive, Jesus was the heir apparent to David's throne and could not claim the throne as his until Joseph had died.

We have moved around in the bible to discover these facts and this is the way God wants it to be. Please consider the following passage from the book of Proverbs 25:2.

*Pro 25:2, It is the glory of God to conceal a thing:
but the honour of kings is to search out a matter.*

The Book of Isaiah further reinforces this idea, instructing us to search for answers to our questions concealed in the scriptures as the bible advises us to do in Isa 28:10.

*Isa 28:10, For precept must be upon precept,
precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon
line; here a little, and there a little:*

This is what we have done to find the truth about the life of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

I hope I have shown you some aspects of our Lord's life you may not have considered before. His life was both ordinary and then extraordinary.

Thank you for reading this book and may God bless you and

your family.

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Leslie Rendell has always believed in the existence of Almighty God. But it is only in the last 34 years that he has become more dedicated to researching the Holy Bible to find answers to his own questions.

We all have our own personal question to ask as we wonder why things are a certain way in our lives, and in the lives of other people as well. Leslie has always relied only on the Bible for his answers to religious questions because this is the only place one can expect to find the truth. The thoughts and teachings of any man, church, or religion, mean nothing to him.

If there is a conflict between what man claims to be right, and what God has had recorded in his holy scriptures, then the word of God will always be regarded as correct. The traditions of man, no matter who he is, will never be seen as more important, or more authoritative than the words in the Bible.

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