Matthew
Chapter 1
"The Birth of the Messiah"

Contents: Generations of **JESUS CHRIST**. **HIS** conception and birth.

Characters: **GOD**, **CHRIST**, **HOLY SPIRIT**, Joseph, Mary, generations of **CHRIST** from Abraham to David.

Conclusion: **JESUS CHRIST** was, in accordance with the prophecies, conceived of the **HOLY GHOST** and born of a virgin. **HE** was both **SON** of Man and **SON** of **GOD**, thereby being qualified to save **HIS** people from their sins.

Key Word: Genealogy, 1, 17.

Strong Verses: 21, 22, 23.

Striking Facts: 10. See Genesis 3:15; Isaiah 7:14; 8:8, 10; Micah 5:2-3. **JESUS** was not begotten of natural generation."Mary, of whom was born **JESUS**." A feminine form for the word "born" being used, indicates that **JESUS** was born of Mary, not of man. **HE** was without a sinful nature, for the reason that **HE** had the **HOLY SPIRIT** for **HIS FATHER**.

Word Study
Homoousios – Greek – same essence.

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Ousia – Greek - is an important philosophical and theological term, originally used in ancient Greek philosophy, then later in Christian theology. It was used by various ancient Greek philosophers, like Plato and Aristotle, as a primary designation for philosophical concepts of *essence* or *substance.*

Questions:
1. Why can it be said that JESUS was both **SON** of **GOD** *and* **SON** of man?

2. Who were the four women mentioned in the genealogy of JESUS?

3. How did Joseph save Mary's life? By wanting to put her away privately to avoid her stoning.

4. What "faith-filled" action did Joseph do?

Discussion Question: Would you have married Mary?