



PEOPLE IN JESUS' FAMILY



MATTHEW 1:1-17

Matthew was a tax collector in Capernaum. He collected money from the people for the Roman government.

One day, though, Matthew changed jobs. He became one of Jesus' disciples. For three years Matthew walked with Jesus and listened to Jesus teach people. Matthew learned a lot about Jesus and wanted to tell people about Jesus. Matthew knew Jesus was God's Son, and Jesus was the King who had been promised long ago.

Matthew knew that prophets told that Jesus would come. The prophets said God's Son would be from the family of Abraham. For years and years the people waited for the King to be born. When would a child from Abraham's family be the promised King?

Finally, the King came. And Matthew wanted everyone to know God kept His promise to Abraham. So Matthew wrote the story about Jesus' life. He began by writing the names of the people in Jesus' family from the time of Abraham. These are some of their names: Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Obed, Jesse, David, Solomon, Josiah, and Joseph.

Joseph married Mary. And Mary gave birth to Jesus.