

# Part Three: Jesus Begins His Labor

## The Gospel of Matthew

### CHAPTER 1

- ¶ 1. The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, son of David, son of Abraham.
- ¶ 2. Abraham fathered Isaac; and Isaac fathered Jacob; and Jacob fathered Judah and his brothers;
3. and Judah fathered Pharez and Zarah by Tamar; and Pharez fathered Hesrom; and Hesrom fathered Aram;
4. and Aram fathered Amminadab; and Amminadab fathered Naason; and Naason fathered Salmon;
5. and Salmon fathered Boaz by Rahab; and Boaz fathered Obed by Ruth; and Obed fathered Jesse;
6. and Jesse fathered David the king.
- ¶ David the king fathered Solomon by the wife of Uriah;
7. and Solomon fathered Rehoboam; and Rehoboam fathered Abijah; and Abijah fathered Asa;
8. and Asa fathered Jehoshaphat; and Jehoshaphat fathered Joram; and Joram fathered Uzziah;
9. and Uzziah fathered Jotham; and Jotham fathered Ahaz; and Ahaz fathered Hezekiah;
10. and Hezekiah fathered Manasseh; and Manasseh fathered Amon; and Amon fathered Josiah;
11. and Josiah fathered Jechoniah and his brothers, about the time of the deportation to Babylon.
- ¶ 12. After the deportation to Babylon, Jechoniah fathered Salathiel; and Salathiel fathered Zerubabel;
13. and Zerubabel fathered Abiud; and Abiud fathered Eliakim; and Eliakim fathered Azor;
14. and Azor fathered Sadok; and Sadok fathered Achim; and Achim fathered Eliud;
15. and Eliud fathered Eleazar; and Eleazar fathered Matthan; and Matthan fathered Jacob;
16. and Jacob fathered Joseph, the husband of Mariam of whom was born Jesus, who is called "Christ".
- ¶ 17. So, all the generations from Abraham to David *were* fourteen

generations; and from David to the deportation to Babylon, fourteen generations; and from the Babylonian deportation to the Messiah, fourteen generations.

#### Matthew 4

¶ 12. Now, when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he departed into Galilee,

#### Luke 4

¶ 16. And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and as was his custom, he went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read.

17. And the scroll of Isaiah the prophet was handed to him. Then, when he had unrolled the book, he found the place where it was written,

18. “The spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me to deliver good news to the lowly. He has sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free the oppressed,

19. to preach the acceptable year of the Lord.”

20. Then he rolled up the scroll, handed it back to the attendant, and sat down; and the eyes of everybody in the synagogue were fixed on him.

21. And he began to say to them, “Today, this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”

22. And everyone bore him witness, and marveled at the gracious words that proceeded out of his mouth, and they were saying, “Isn’t this man the son of Joseph?”

23. And he said to them, “You will surely speak this parable to me: ‘Physician, heal yourself! All those things we heard were done in Capernaum, do here in your own country, too.’”

24. Then he said, “I tell you truly, that no prophet is acceptable in his own country.

25. Truthfully, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah the prophet, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, so there came a great famine over all the land.

26. but Elijah was not sent to a single one of them; rather, *he was sent* to a widow of Zarephath in Sidon.

27. And there were many lepers in Israel during the time of Elisha the prophet, but not one of them was cleansed, except Naaman the Syrian.”

28. And when they heard these things, everybody in the synagogue was filled with anger,
29. and they rose up and drove him out of the city, and they led him to the brow of the hill on which the city was built, so they could throw him off the cliff.
30. But he passed through their midst and went away.

#### Matthew 4

13. and leaving Nazareth, he went and made his home at Capernaum by the sea, in the regions of Zebulun and Naphtali,
14. so that what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, saying,
15. “O land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles –
16. the people who dwell in darkness saw a great light, and to those living in the region and shadow of death, light for them has risen.”
- ¶ 17. From that time, Jesus began to preach and to say, “Repent! for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”
- ¶ 18. Walking along the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen.
19. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.”
20. And immediately abandoning their nets, they followed him.
21. Then, going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James, the *son* of Zebedee, and John, his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and he called them.
22. And immediately abandoning the boat and their father, they followed him.

#### Luke 4

- ¶ 31. Then he went down to Capernaum, a city in Galilee, and he was teaching them on the Sabbath.
32. And they were astonished at his teaching because his speech was with authority.
33. And in the synagogue, there was a man having the spirit of an unclean demon, and it cried out with a loud voice,
34. saying, “Ah! What do you want with us, Jesus Nazarene? Have you come to destroy us? We know who you are – the holy one of God!”

35. But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Silence! Come out of him!”
36. And after the demon threw him down in *their* midst, it came out of him, doing him no harm.
36. And an awe came over them all, and they said one another, “What is this? With authority and power, he commands the unclean spirits, and they come out!”
37. And news about him began to spread to every place in the surrounding area.
- ¶ 38. After *Jesus* left the synagogue, he entered the house of Simon, and Simon’s mother-in-law was suffering from a high fever, and they appealed to him for her.
39. And he stood over her, rebuked the fever, and it left her. And immediately, she got up and served them.
- ¶ 40. Now, as the sun was going down, all those who had anyone sick with various kinds of diseases brought them to him. And he laid his hands on every one of them and healed them.
41. And demons came out of many, crying out, “You are the Messiah, the Son of God!” But rebuking them, he did not allow them to speak because they knew him to be the Messiah.
- ¶ 42. And when it was day, he departed and went to a deserted place, but crowds looked for him, and they came to him, and they held on to him, so that he would not leave them.
43. But he said to them, “I must spread the good news of the kingdom of God to other cities, too; that’s what I was sent for.
- ¶ 44. And he was preaching in the synagogues of Galilee.<sup>N</sup>

#### Matthew 4

- ¶ 23. And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every sickness among the people.
24. And his fame spread throughout Syria; and they brought him all those who were sick, and those afflicted with manifold diseases, tormenting pain, and demon-possessed people, lunatics, and paralytics; and he healed them.
25. Great crowds followed him, from Galilee, Decapolis, Jerusalem, and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan;the Jordan;

#### CHAPTER 5

- ¶ 1. and seeing the crowds, he went up into the mountain, and when he had

- sat down, his disciples came to him;
2. and he opened his mouth and taught them, saying,
- ¶ 3. “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- ¶ 4. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
- ¶ 5. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
- ¶ 6. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst *for* righteousness, for they shall be filled.
- ¶ 7. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.
- ¶ 8. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
- ¶ 9. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the sons of God.
- ¶ 10. Blessed are they who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- ¶ 11. “Blessed are you, when people revile and persecute you, and say every evil thing against you falsely, for my sake.
12. Rejoice, and be glad! Your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”
- ¶ 13. “You are the salt of the earth; but if salt loses its flavor, with what shall it be salted? It is good for nothing, but to be thrown out and trampled by men.
14. You are the light of the world; a city on a hill cannot be hid;
15. and people don’t light a candle and then place it under a bushel basket, but on a lamp stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.
16. Let your light shine like that before men, so that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven.
- ¶ 17. “Don’t suppose that I’ve come to destroy the Law or the prophets; I didn’t come to destroy but to fulfill.
18. I tell you truly, until heaven and earth pass away, not one iota or serif of the Law shall by any means pass away until all things have come to pass.
19. “Whoever, then, breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches men so will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does and teaches *them* will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.
20. For I tell you that unless your righteousness far exceeds *that* of the scribes and the Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.
- ¶ 21. “You’ve heard that it was said to those of ancient time, ‘You shall not murder,’ and ‘Whoever commits murder shall be liable to the judgment.’

22. But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother without cause will be liable to the judgment, and whoever says to his brother, 'Raca!' will be answerable to the Sanhedrine; and whoever says, 'Fool!' is headed toward fiery Gehenna.<sup>N</sup>
  23. So, if you bring your gift to the altar and there remember that your brother has anything against you,
  24. leave your gift there before the altar and go your way; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come offer your gift.
  25. Agree with your adversary quickly, while you are in the way with him, lest your adversary hand you over to the judge, and the judge turn you over to the officer, and you be thrown into prison.
  26. I tell you truly, you will by no means come out of there until you have paid the last penny.
- ¶ 27. "You've heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery,'
28. but I say to you that every man who looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.
  29. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away from you! For it's better for you that one of your members perish and not *that* your whole body be cast into Gehenna.
  30. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away from you! It's better for you that one of your members perish and not *that* your whole body be cast into Gehenna.
  31. And it has been said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce,
  32. but I say to you that whoever divorces his wife, except in the case of unchaste conduct, causes her to commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.
- ¶ 33. "Again, you've heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not forswear yourself, but you shall pay your vows to the Lord.'
34. But I say to you, do not swear at all, neither by heaven, for it is the throne of God,
  35. nor by the earth, for it is a footstool for His feet, nor by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great king.
  36. Neither *sware* by your head, for you can't make one hair white or black.
  37. But let your speech be "Yes, yes" or "No, no". What is beyond these comes from the Evil One.

- ¶ 38. “You’ve heard that it was said, “An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth,”
39. but I say to you, do not resist evil; on the contrary, whoever strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also;
40. and to the one who determines to sue you to take away your tunic, give him your cloak as well.
41. And whoever compels you *to go* one mile, go with him two.
42. Give to him who asks you, and don’t turn him away who wants to borrow from you.
- ¶ 43. “You’ve heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy’,
44. but I say to you, love your enemies; bless those who curse you; do good to those who hate you; and pray for those who mistreat you and persecute you.
45. This is how you become sons of your Father in heaven, for He makes His sun to rise upon the evil and the good and sends rain upon the just and the unjust.
46. If you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Don’t even tax collectors do the same?
47. And if you greet only your friends, what are you doing more *than anyone*? Don’t even the Gentiles do like that?
48. So, be perfect, just as your Father who is in heaven is perfect.”

## CHAPTER 6

- ¶ 1. “Beware that you don’t do your alms before men to be seen by them; otherwise, you have no reward from your Father who is in heaven.
2. So, when you give alms, don’t sound a trumpet before you, as the imposters do in the synagogues and alleyways, that they might be honored by men. I assure you, they have their reward.
3. When you give alms, don’t let your left hand know what your right hand is doing,
4. so that your alms be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will Himself reward you openly.”
- ¶ 5. “And when you pray, don’t be like the imposters, for they enjoy standing to pray in the synagogues and on street corners so that they might be seen by men. I assure you, they have their reward.

6. But as for you, when you pray, go into your secret room and close your door to pray to your Father in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.
  7. And when you pray, do not just repeat words like the Gentiles; for they suppose that with their many words they will gain a hearing.
  8. Don't be like them, for your Father knows what you have need of before you ask Him.
  9. So, you pray like this: 'Our Father who *is* in heaven, let your name be sanctified;
  10. may your kingdom come; your will be done on earth as *it is* in heaven.
  11. Give us today our daily bread,
  12. and forgive us our failures, even as we forgive those who fail us.
  13. Don't lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.'
  14. If you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you,
  15. but if you don't forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses."
- ¶ 16. "And whenever you fast, don't be like the gloomy-faced play-actors who disfigure their faces so that they may appear to men *to be* fasting. I assure you, they have their reward.
17. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face
  18. so that you don't appear to men *to be* fasting but to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who observes in secret will repay you."
- ¶ 19. "Don't lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and decay disfigure, and where thieves break in and steal,
20. but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor decay disfigure, and where thieves neither break in nor steal.
  21. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.
  22. The lamp of the body is the eye; therefore, if your eye be single, your whole body will be light;
  23. but if your eye be evil, your whole body will be dark. Therefore, if the light in you be darkness, how great that darkness is!
  24. No one can be a slave for two Masters; either he'll hate the one and love the other or he'll be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot be a slave to God and Mammon.
  25. I tell you, don't be anxious about your life, what you eat and what you

- drink<sup>N</sup>; nor about your body, what you will wear. Isn't the life more than food, and the body *more* than clothes?
26. Look at the birds of the sky; they don't sow, nor do they reap, nor do they gather into storehouses, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them; aren't you worth much more than they *are*?
  27. Who among you by worrying can add one minute to his life?
  28. And why do you worry about clothes? Learn *from* how the lilies of the field grow; they don't labor, nor do they spin,
  29. yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his glory was arrayed like one of these.
  30. Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, *which* today lives, and tomorrow is thrown into a furnace, will *He* not all the more *clothe* you, Little Faiths?
  31. So, don't be anxious, saying, "What will we eat?", or "What will we drink?", or "What will we wear?"
  32. (the Gentiles seek after all these things), for your heavenly Father knows you need all these things.
  33. But you seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.
  34. So, don't worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient to the day is its trouble.

## CHAPTER 7

- ¶ 1. Do not judge, lest you be judged,
  2. for with what judgment you judge, you will be judged, and with what measure you measure out to others, it will be measured out to you.
  3. Why do you look at the speck in the eye of your brother but do not consider the beam in your own eye?
  4. Or how is it that you say to your brother, "Let me take the speck out of your eye," and there the beam is, in your *own* eye!
  5. Faker! First, take the beam out of your eye, and then you'll see clearly to remove the speck from the eye of your brother.
  
- ¶ 6. Do not give what is holy to dogs, neither cast your pearls before swine, lest they trample them with their feet, and then turn and tear you to pieces.
  
- ¶ 7. Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will

- be opened to you.
8. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks, it will be opened.
  9. Or what man is there among you who, if his son asks for bread, will hand him a stone?
  10. And if he asks for a fish, he won't give him a snake, will he?
  11. If you, then, being evil know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good things to those who ask him?
  12. So, whatever things you wish men would do to you, do likewise to them; this is the Law and the prophets.
  13. Enter through the strait gate because wide *is* the gate and broad the road that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it.
  14. How strait the gate and narrow the road that leads to life! And few there be who find it.
- ¶ 15. "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves.
16. You'll recognize them by their fruit. Do people gather grapes from thorn bushes? or figs from thistles?
  17. Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit.
  18. A good tree cannot bare bad fruit; neither a bad tree bear good fruit.
  19. Every tree that doesn't bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into a fire.
  20. And so, you'll recognize them by their fruits.
  21. Not everyone who says to me, "Lord! Lord!" will enter into the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who *is* in heaven.
  22. Many will say to me in that day, "Lord! Lord! Have we not prophesied in your name? And in your name cast out demons, and in your name performed many miracles?"
  23. And then will I declare to them, "I never knew you. Go away from me, *you* workers of lawlessness!"
  24. Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and does them, I will liken to a wise man who built his house upon a rock,
  25. and the rain came down and the floods came up, and the winds blew and beat against that house, but it didn't fall, for it was founded upon rock.
  26. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them shall be likened to a foolish man who his built his house on sand.
  27. And the rain came down, and the floods came up, and the winds blew and beat against that house and it fell, and great was its collapse."

- ¶ 28. And it came about, when Jesus concluded these sayings, that the crowds were astonished at his teaching,  
29. for he was teaching them as having authority and not as the scribes.

## CHAPTER 8

- ¶ 1. Now when he had come down from the mountain, large crowds followed him.  
2. And behold, a leper came and knelt before him saying, “Lord, if you will, you can make me clean.”  
3. And stretching out his hand, Jesus touched him saying, “I will. Be clean.” And immediately his leprosy was cleansed.  
4. And Jesus said to him, “See that you tell no one, but go, show yourself to the priest and as a testimony to them, offer the gift that Moses prescribed.”  
5. Now when he had entered into Capernaum, there came to him a centurion, pleading with him,  
6. and saying, “Lord, my boy has been laid in the house paralyzed, terribly tormented.”  
7. And Jesus said to him, “I will come *and* heal him.”  
8. And the centurion answered, saying, “Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof. Just speak the word, and my boy will be healed.  
9. For I, myself, am a man under authority also, having soldiers under me, and I say to this one, ‘Go!’ and he goes, and to another, ‘Come!’ and he comes, and to my slave, ‘Do this,’ and he does *it*.”  
10. Now when Jesus had heard this, he marveled, and said to those who followed, “I tell you, I have not found such great faith in Israel.  
11. And I tell you that many from the east and west will come and recline for a banquet with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven,  
12. but the sons of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth in that place.”  
13. And Jesus said to the centurion, “Go your way, and as you have believed, let it be for you.” And his boy was healed in that hour.
- ¶ 14. And Jesus, having come into Peter’s house, saw his mother-in-law, laid down and burning with fever.  
15. And he touched her hand, and the fever left her and she arose and waited on him.  
16. And at dusk, they brought to him many possessed with demons, and he cast out the demons with a word, and he healed all who had illnesses,

17. so that what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled saying, “He himself took our infirmities and carried our diseases away.”

¶ 18. Now when Jesus saw great multitudes about him, he gave an order to depart to the other side *of the sea*.

19. And one scribe approached and said to him, “Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go.”

20. And Jesus said to him, “The foxes have dens, and the birds of heaven have nests, but the Son of man has nowhere to lay his head.”

21. A different man from among his disciples said to him, “Lord, allow me first to leave and bury my father.”

22. But Jesus said to him, “Follow me, and leave the dead to bury their dead.”

¶ 23. And when he had boarded the boat, his disciples followed him.

24. And there arose a great storm on the sea, causing the boat to be covered by the waves; but he was sleeping.

25. And when his disciples came to him, they woke him up, saying, “Lord, save us! We are about to die!”

26. But he said to them, “Why are you afraid, Little Faiths?” Then, raising up, he rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm.

27. And the men marveled, saying, “What kind of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him?”

¶ 28. And when he came to the other side into the territory of the Gergesenes, two demon-possessed men, coming out of the tombs, met him, so extremely fierce that no one could travel along that road.

29. And they cried out, saying, “What is there between us and you, Jesus, Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the appointed time?”

30. Now there was at a great distance from them a herd of many swine feeding.

31. And the demons begged him, saying, “If you cast us out, let us to go into the herd of swine.”

32. And he said to them, “Go!” And when they came out, they went into the herd of swine. And behold, the entire herd of swine rushed down the steep slope into the sea and perished in the waters.

33. And the herdsmen fled, and when they went into the city, they reported everything, especially the things concerning the demon-possessed men.

34. And the whole city came out to meet Jesus, and when they saw him, they implored him that he would depart from their borders.