

Reading assignment:

Matthew 1:1-17

Questions:

- 1) Find all the people in the list whose names you recognize, and summarize what you know about them.
- 2) There is a regular pattern: A was the father of B. Find all the places where that pattern breaks. Why do you think St. Matthew broke the pattern in those places?
- 3) When St. Matthew sums up the list in verse 17, he lists four major events or people. What are they? Remember that he was writing first of all for a Jewish audience. Why would he pick those events/people?
- 4) Why did St. Matthew include this long and (for most of us, and catchy songs notwithstanding) genealogy as the first thing in his gospel?

Yes, you have to hand this in.