

# The Jesse Tree

Christians hang symbols from the story of our faith leading up to the birth of Jesus.

Christian history is fundamentally Jewish.

The history of the Israel is the history of our faith and Jesus is the promised Messiah.

Jesus is the one foretold in the scriptures and his birth is the fulfilment of God's promises to his people.

## Where does the term Jesse Tree come from ?

The term is taken from a passage in Isaiah Chapter 11:1 and then found repeated through scripture.

"And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots:"

**"There shall be a root of Jesse,  
and he that shall rise to reign  
over the Gentiles; in him shall  
the Gentiles trust."**

(Romans 15:12 )



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Let's take a look at these pictures  
and try and work out who each  
picture represents !



**Adam**



**Abraham**



**Noah**





**Joseph**



**Jacob**



**Moses**



**Jonah**



**Ruth**



**King David**



**Solomon**

Now let's look at the genealogy in  
Matthew's Gospel and see some of  
those characters



**Matthew 1:1**

A record of the genealogy of Jesus Christ the son of David,  
the son of **Abraham:**

Abraham was the father of Isaac,

Isaac the father of Jacob,

Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers,

Judah the father of Perez and Zerah, whose mother was  
Tamar,

Perez the father of Hezron,

Hezron the father of Ram,

Ram the father of Amminadab,

Amminadab the father of Nahshon,

Nahshon the father of Salmon,

Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab,

Boaz the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth,

Obed the father of Jesse,

and Jesse the father of **King David**.

**David** was the father of Solomon, whose mother had been Uriah's wife,  
Solomon the father of Rehoboam,  
Rehoboam the father of Abijah,  
Abijah the father of Asa,  
Asa the father of Jehoshaphat,  
Jehoshaphat the father of Jehoram,  
Jehoram the father of Uzziah,  
Uzziah the father of Jotham,  
Jotham the father of Ahaz,  
Ahaz the father of Hezekiah,  
Hezekiah the father of Manasseh,  
Manasseh the father of Amon,  
Amon the father of Josiah,  
and Josiah the father of Jeconiah and his brothers at the time of the exile to **Babylon**.

**After the exile to Babylon:** Jeconiah was the father of Shealtiel,  
Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel,  
Zerubbabel the father of Abiud,  
Abiud the father of Eliakim,  
Eliakim the father of Azor,  
Azor the father of Zadok,  
Zadok the father of Akim,  
Akim the father of Eliud,  
Eliud the father of Eleazar,  
Eleazar the father of Matthan,  
Matthan the father of Jacob,  
and Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary, of whom  
was born Jesus, who is called **Christ**.

**Thus there were fourteen generations in all from Abraham to David, fourteen from David to the exile to Babylon, and fourteen from the exile to the Christ.**

## Some lessons to learn

This is the family tree of Jesus. It has men and women in and some of these people were not anything to boast about. Rahab is included and she was a prostitute and even King David made some really bad mistakes and committed murder. Yet God used them all to bring about his plan and he can use each one of us today.

Advent is a time when the church goes on watch and asks if we are all ready to face Jesus. If he returned and asked us to give an account for ourselves would be prepared? It is not business as usual, it is time to really make sure that we are doing our best to live out our faith in the world.

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