



1. One of Us for All of Us (1:1-25)

Matthew 1vs.1 – 17

Starts with genealogy of Christ written by Matthew to highlight how Jesus wasn't born into a perfect family but He had a lineage full of sinful beings.

By doing this Matthew shows:

1. God coming down to save mankind.
 - Matthew 1:23 → "God with us."
 - Jesus humbled Himself so that "God with us" became "Us with God".
 - Hebrews 2:17. Jesus was made like us in every way so that He may be our human forerunner conquering death so that one day we might have eternal life in heaven.
2. The Kingdom is about God's grace to us → even though we deserve his anger and judgment.
 - The genealogy shows how God stepped into sin, so he could outweigh our sin with even more grace.
 - The genealogy shows how God's kingdom is different and much better.

Matthew 1 vs. 18 – 25

- The Lord invested His one and only Son into the world, entrusting Him to two humans. It was like He gave/sold all He had in order to buy something of great value.
- God chose a humble laborer Joseph to invest in → not the typical wealthy suave businessman.
 - ❖ Joseph lacked even enough influence to get a room at the inn.

God's choice of Joseph and Mary shows how values in the Kingdom are different to what is valued in the world.

Chose them for three things:-

1. Humility
 - Joseph was meek and gentle and showed kindness toward his fiancée when he found out she was pregnant.
 - God loves humility and it is prized in His kingdom.
2. Faithfulness
 - Joseph didn't doubt what the angels said about a virgin birth.
 - Mary had faith in the angel despite the fact that she was about to face public humiliation: 'I am the Lord's servant; may it be to me as you have said'.
3. Instant obedience
 - Saw the angel four times and obeyed without delay.
 - Obeyed rather than weighed God's word
 - Joseph was not son of David by birth but he was a spiritual son of David → a man after God's heart.
 - ❖ God is an investor searching for a godly character to which He can entrust His kingdom.
 - ❖ God calls us to join His revolutionary army of the "Holy Joes".