

Hello! This is Dorothy -

In **Matthew chapter 1, verses 1-3**, we read-

1 The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the son of Abraham.

2 Abraham begat Isaac; and Isaac begat Jacob; and Jacob begat Judah and his brethren;

3 And Judah begat . . . And all the way down, we see that there was that link to the tribe of Judah.

16 And Jacob begat Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ - *the Anointed One*. I think it is terribly important to stop here and understand who Joseph is. You see, we have been thinking about the line, the seed, all through the ages of Scripture, which is often called the scarlet thread, to show the line Jesus would come through. Why would Joseph, who is also of the house of David, not have been the one who could have been the father? God gave us a very special section in **Jeremiah chapter 22 and verses 29 and 30**. It is about a man called Jeconiah. (That is easy to remember: when you think of Jeremiah, think of Jeconiah.) It is said of Jeconiah -

29 O earth, earth, earth, hear the word of the Lord.

30 Thus saith the Lord, Write ye this man childless, a man that shall not prosper in his days: for no man of his seed shall prosper, sitting upon the throne of David, and ruling any more in Judah.

That is a very important verse to note, because it is impossible that Joseph's line could be the one that was prophetically shown from which Jesus would come. It says that none of the seed will prosper; it is not going to happen and none of the seed will sit on the throne of David. None of the seed shall rule any more in Judah.

So this little phrase is also clearly shown in **Matthew 1:11**. I want you to understand when people say, "Oh well, you know, we do not quite know about Mary." Yes, we do know about Mary. She was chaste; she was pure; she never knew man and that is clearly shown in Scriptures. That is why it is the miracle of this awesome happening which took place in her body that enabled Jesus to become a body here on earth, but from sinless seed because of the blood line. The blood line, which comes down from the father, came down from His heavenly Father. It was the heavenly seed that was in Him and yet, even as deity as God, He did not use it; He was willing to lay this aside and act as man. How did He do that? He acted all the time with total dependence upon His Father. We read all the way through the Gospels that He was up early praying to His Father and in every situation He was available to the life, the indwelling, the power of what the Father wanted to do through Him. There were times that perhaps we could say, 'Well, Deity was

seen in that situation,' as something most miraculous and most unusual happened. But always it was by Him being available, not taking authority on Himself to do it, but by what the Father did. It is so important to understand Who we deal with: we are dealing with the spotless Son of God; God, who willingly became Man. You know what is so wonderful? In Heaven today, He is so awesome and unique, because He is the spotless God-man. He is Jesus and He is the one who has gathered those who receive Him and believe on Him to be part of His life, His body.

Therefore, what is my lesson to learn out of this? If God willingly laid aside His glory and came and was born through the womb of Mary, and He could have done anything in His own power and His own authority, but He didn't and depended totally on His Father, why do I think I can come along and take on what God thinks needs to be done and think I am running the show for Him - and take on something called my ministry or my idea or my whatever? You see, it is all about Jesus; it is all about His life; it is all about His glory; you and I do not come into the scene. When Christ comes into our life, He allows weird and wonderful things to happen around us and sometimes extremely difficult things, but He is saying, "Be available to Me, for I am handling this. I am the life. I am getting the glory out of this. In the meantime, you are learning of me - how I lived when I came as a babe at Bethlehem and lived that spotless life on earth."

Receive Him today, dear friend. Don't go struggling any more. Say *Yes!* to Jesus. He wants to be your Christian life, but it all begins when you say, *Come, Lord Jesus, today, into my life.*

I love you. God bless. Bye-bye.