THE HOLY GOSPEL
OF IESVS CHRIST ACCOR- 
DING TO MATTHEW.

CHAP. I.

The pedigree of Iesu, to show that he is Christ, promised to *Abraham and *David: i. e. That he was conceived and born of a Virgin, as Ezechiel prophesied of him.

The booke of the *generation of Iesu Christ, the sonne of Daud, the sonne of Abraham.

† *Abraham begat Isaac. And Isaac begat Iacob. And Iacob begat Iudas and his brethren: †And Iudas begat Phares and Zoram of Thamar. *And Phares begat Elson. And Elson begat Aram. †And Aram begat Aminadab. And Aminadab begat Naaslon. And Naaslon begat Salmon. †And Salmon begat Booz of Raab. And Booz begat Obed of Ruth. And Obed begat Jesse. †And Jesse begat Daud the King.

And *Daud the King begat Salomon of her that was the wife of Vrius. †And *Salomon begat Roboam. And Roboam begat Abia. And Abia begat Afa. †And Afa begat Ioasaph. And Ioasaph begat Ioram. And Ioram begat Ozihas. †And Ozihas begat Ioatham. And Ioatham begat Achaz. And Achaz begat Ezechias. †And Ezechias begat Manasses. And Manasses begat Amon. And Amon begat Josias. †And Josias begat Jeconias & his brethren * in the Transmigation of Babylon.

†And after the Transmigation of Babylon, *Jeconias begat Salathiel. †And Salathiel begat Zorobabel. †And Zorobabel begat Abiud. And Abiud begat Eliacim. And Eliacim begat Azor. †And Azor begat Sadoc. And Sadoc begat Achim. And Achim begat Eliud. †And Eliud begat Eleazar. And Eleazar begat Mathan. And Mathan begat Iacob. †And Iacob
begar "Ioseph the "husband of MARIE: "of vvhom vvas
borne IESVS, vvho is called CHRIST. †
† Therefore al the generations from Abraham vnto Daviud, 17
fourtene generations. And from Daviud to the Transmigra-
tion of Babylon, fourtene generations. And from the Trans-
migration of Babylon vnto CHRIST, fourtene generations.
† And the generation of CHRIST vvas in this vvife.18
when his mother MARIE vvas spoused to Ioseph, before
they came together, she vvvas found to be vvith childe by the
Holy Ghost. †Whereupon Ioseph, for that he vvvas a lust man, 19
& vvould not * put her to open shame: vvvas minded secretely
ly to dimisse her. † But as he vvvas thus thinking, behold the 20
Angel of our Lord appeared to him in sleepe saying: Ioseph
sonne of Daviud, seare not to take MARIE thy vvife, for the
which is " borne in her, is of the Holy Ghost. † And she shall 21
bring forth a sonne: and thou shalt call his name IESVS.
For he shall save his people from their sinnes. † † And 22
al this vvas done, that it might be fulfilled vvhich our Lord
spake by the Prophet saying. † Behold, " a Virgin shall be vvivish childe, 23
and " bring forth a sonne, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, vvhich being
interpreted is, God vvivish vs. † And Ioseph rising vp from sleepe, 24
did as the Angel of our Lord command him, and tooke his
vvife. † And he knew her not " til she brought forth her"first- 25
borne sonne: and called his name IESVS.

ANNOTATIONS
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1. Theman.] Christ abhorred not to take flesh of some that were ill, as he chose Judas among
his Apostles: Let not vs disdaine to receive our spiritual birth and sustenance of such as be not
always good.

16. Ioseph.] Ioseph marrying our Lady as neere of kinne (for so was the * law) by his pede-
gree the wth her, and consequently Christ's pedigree from Daviud.

16. Husb.] True and perfect mariage, and continual living in the same, without carnal

20. Born in her.] The triple good or perfection of mariage accomplished in the parents

21. A Virgin.] Our Saviour borne in mariage, but yet of a Virgin, would honour both
flates: and withal, reacheth vs against loquacious the old Heretike and thefe of our time, that
virginity and the continent life are preferred before mariage that hath carnal copulation. See S.

22. A Virgin.] As our Lady both a virgin and a mother, brought forth Christ the head cor-
porally: to the Church a virgin and a mother, bringeth forth the members of this head spirit-
ually. Aug. li. de Virg. ca. 2.

23. And bring forth.] The Heretike Iohannan is here refuted, holding that her virginity was

25. Til,