



The Long-Awaited King

Matthew 1:1-17

December 2, 2018

Sermon Questions

1. Why is it important to understand the genealogy that traces Jesus' lineage, as described in Matthew 1:1-17?
2. Pastor Jim stated that the genealogy of Christ tells a story. How would you describe that story?
3. Matthew 1: 1-17 clearly shows that God works in the "compost of life with scandalous sinners", as Pastor Jim described. Why do you think it was God's plan to put the DNA of "scandalous sinners" in our Savior? What do you think that says about your DNA?
4. If God works in and through "scandalous sinners", what does that say about who you should associate and work with? How much of your time do you do that?
5. In a previous sermon this Fall from the Book of James, James writes about our tendency to put others down with our tongues, so as to make ourselves look better. As you look at the ancestors of Jesus, how many of those would you have looked down upon or think you are better than? Who do you think you're "better than" in your family or lineage? Why would we be ashamed of or look down upon ancestors/family who are the same type of people who make-up the DNA of our Lord Jesus Christ?
6. Matthew 1:1-17 is really a vivid story of God's grace. Pastor Jim notes that it is clear that God's grace has nothing to do with racial purity and his grace certainly does not discriminate against sinners. As you are now part of God's story and plan, to whom can you extend God's grace more fully. What biases might God be calling you to discard in order to do that?

Matthew 1:1-17 (ESV)

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

² Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, ³ and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Ram, ⁴ and Ram the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, ⁵ and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, ⁶ and Jesse the father of David the king. And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, ⁷ and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asaph, ⁸ and Asaph the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, ⁹ and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, ¹⁰ and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos, and Amos the father of

Josiah, ¹¹ and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon.

¹² And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Shealtiel, and Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, ¹³ and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, ¹⁴ and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, ¹⁵ and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, ¹⁶ and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ.

¹⁷ So all the generations from Abraham to David were fourteen generations, and from David to the deportation to Babylon fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon to the Christ fourteen generations.