

Lineage of Christ Sermon Discussion

November 30, 2025

Target Passage → Matthew 1:1-17

1. Read Mt 1:1. What is the significance of each of these titles: “Jesus,” “Christ,” “son of David,” and “son of Abraham”? What do they reveal about Jesus’ identity and mission?
2. Read Isa 7:14 and Mt 1:16. We learned that Mt 1 contains the genealogy of Jesus through Joseph, the legal father of David, and Luke traces Jesus’ family tree through Mary. What is the significance of these two genealogies that identify Jesus as God’s anointed King? What is the significance of, “Mary, **of whom** Jesus was born”? Why is the virgin conception crucial to Jesus’ identity and to the gospel itself?
3. Considering Mt 1:1-17, do you see Jesus’ family tree as more hopeful or shameful or both? Why? How have you seen God use ordinary imperfect people to accomplish his extraordinary perfect purposes?
4. Read Isa 44:6-8 and Isa 46:9-11. How does fulfilled prophecy confirm that the Bible is God’s word? How does it confirm the identity of Jesus as God’s Son? What role if any has prophecy had in your life and witness?

Bridge Passages for further study → Isa 9:1-2, 6-7; Lk 3:23-38; Gal 4:4-7

For Me →

1. As we enter the Christmas season, ask God to help you worship Jesus with renewed joy and passion as you reflect on the great reversal that God became a man that sinners may become saints.
2. How has your family history or personal failures informed your identity? What are ways you can, with Christ, change your legacy?

PRAYER FOCUS

Ask the Lord to give us a renewed understanding of Jesus Christ that causes us to find release from our past failures and broken families so that we can live and share the good news of his gospel this holiday season.

For the Mission →

Pray, look for, and take one opportunity to share the gift of Jesus this Christmas season with someone who God leads your way. Ask a friend to pray for you and report back to him or her.