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Sun pm

“What’s in a Genealogy?”

Matthew 1:1-17

Notes:

Genealogies can be super dry, and super hard to read…so we can so easily skip over them

Matthew draws a line from Abraham to David to Jesus and, in so doing, establishes Jesus’ claim to the throne of David as Joseph’s legal heir (blood line through Mary is listed in Luke 3:23ff).

This genealogy is incomplete. Meaning, not all of the generations are accounted for. This isn’t out of the ordinary for biblical genealogies whose intention it is to make a connection; like in this case, Abraham to David to Jesus.

What else is in the genealogy?

* A reminder of God’s faithfulness – the long-awaited promise
  + Promise made to Abraham in Gen 12:1-3
    - That was a direct reference to the good news of the Messiah, as made clear by Paul in Galatians 3:8
  + Promise of the woman’s seed in Gen 3:15
* A picture of His Redemption
  + Abraham – Gen 12:10-20; 16:1-6
  + Rahab – Joshua 2
  + David, Solomon, the wife of Uriah – 2 Sam 11
    - Any of these could have been skipped to help the family save face
    - All of these, and more, point to the very reason that Jesus needed to come anyway
    - Also gives us hope for our own families and our own failures of the past

What’s in a genealogy? Plenty