



Series: Majesty in a Manger

Passage Matthew 1

Title: God's Pursuing Love

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Discussion Starter

The entire body of scripture is a harbinger of Jesus Christ and a foreshadow of God's plan to reconcile humanity. Why did Mathew, Luke, and John think it necessary to outline Jesus' heritage?

Jesus is the Messiah – Genealogical Proof

- Why did Matthew's genealogy use the word "begot" to show a father/son relationships? Why is this word missing in the description of the Joseph/Jesus relationship? (Verse 16 and John 3:16).
- JC read the genealogy of Jesus, translating the actual Hebrew meaning of their names. How did this impact you when each name was translated? What is the Hebrew meaning of the name "Jesus"?
- Matthew, Luke, and John begin their genealogies at different points in time? Who was the first person mentioned in each of the genealogies? What did each Gospel writer intend to communicate about Jesus through their genealogies?
- Mathew mentions four women in his Genealogy. Why is this extraordinary? Who were the four? Discuss the character traits of Ruth and Rahab – how are they different? How are they the same? What can we conclude from their differences? What does this tell us about God?

The Pursuit of God's Love Accomplishes his Promises

- Read Genesis 3:15, Genesis 12:3, 2 Samuel 7:16. How have the promises in these verses been fulfilled through Jesus?
- The Jews were waiting expectantly for a messiah. Read Romans 8:38-39. How are these verses and the genealogies related? Why did the Jews have trouble recognizing Jesus? Why do people that you may know have difficulty recognizing Jesus?

The History of Jesus Begins and Ends with Redemption

- Read John 1:1-14. How are these verses similar to Matthew and Luke's genealogies?
- Scripture is the story of man from creation to redemption. Describe how, when taken together, the three genealogies begin and end with redemption?