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CHRISTMAS

— *It's Not Hallmark* —

"JESUS' FAMILY TREE"
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MATTHEW 1:1-17

CORE STATEMENT: The genealogy of Jesus Christ is everything we need to know about Christianity.

I. THE GENEALOGY SHOWS YOU THAT THE GOSPEL IS NOT GOOD ADVICE BUT GOOD NEWS!

INSIGHT: Christianity isn't a set of principles Jesus taught but what Jesus did in our behalf.

TRUTH: The central element of the Gospels is the death of Christ.

INSIGHT: The world doesn't need any more moral teachers; we've never listened anyway.

INSIGHT: God entered human history and did for us what we couldn't do for ourselves. Men and women are changed not by believing what Christ taught but believing what He did!

II. THE GENEALOGY SHOWS YOU THAT JESUS IS THE CENTER OF HISTORY.

INSIGHT: Christmas is about an insignificant family to the world at large, but who God used to change world history.

INSIGHT: God moved Rome to make this taxing requirement so Christ would be born in Bethlehem.

INSIGHT: The nativity reveals that God moves powerful nations around like chess pieces to accomplish His purposes.

INSIGHT: God taxed the whole world through Rome to move two people 90 miles at a specific moment in time.

INSIGHT: There's an unseen story behind the story of world history.

III. THE GENEALOGY SHOWS YOU THAT GOD IS WORKING IN ALL THINGS, GOOD AND BAD, FOR HIS PURPOSES.

INSIGHT: Matthew chose a genealogy of 3 sections of 14 to show that God has superimposed His seal of perfection on human history.

INSIGHT: God is working in your life even when He seems absent.

TRUTH: God has an overriding purpose in your life that He will accomplish if you trust Christ and follow Him all the days of your life.

INVITATION

NOTE: Every woman listed in Jesus' family tree was involved in some sexual scandal!