



DIGGING DEEPER

Mt 1v1-17 – The Promised King

PLEASE READ – Matthew 1v1-17

GETTING STARTED

Be honest – how do you feel when you come to a passage like this in the Bible?

Why do you think Matthew begins the nativity story with a family tree rather than a message from an angel?

1) JESUS IS THE PROMISED KING

Why do Abraham and David get a special mention? (see v1 and v17)

For Abraham see... Gen 12v2-3 / Gen 22v18 / Gal 3v16

For David see... 2 Sam 7v12-13 / Is 9v6-7

What's the big point Matthew is trying to make?

2) JESUS CAME FOR EVERYONE

Why does Matthew highlight the failures of those who came before Jesus? See what he says about David in v6...

What does this family tree tell us about the willingness of Jesus to identify with people like that? How does that encourage you today?!!

3) JESUS CAME TO BRING US REST

Matthew structures the family tree (v17) by splitting it into 3 lots of 14 generations (or 3 lots of 2x7). That makes Jesus the 7th seven!

Do you think that's significant given how prominent the number 7 is in the Bible?
See Gen 2v2 / Gen 4v13-14 / Mt 11v28

What is it about that promised rest that makes you smile most...

Meditate on the words of Isaiah below...

Is 9v6-7: For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.

And he will be called
Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷Of the greatness of his government and peace
there will be no end.

He will reign on David's throne
and over his kingdom,
establishing and upholding it
with justice and righteousness
from that time on and forever.

The zeal of the LORD Almighty
will accomplish this.