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Guess Who's Coming to Christmas – Part 1 of 4

"1 This is the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham: 2 Abraham was the father of Isaac the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers..." Matthew 1:1-2

"3 Judah the father of Perez and Zerah, whose mother was Tamar, Perez the father of Hezron, Hezron the father of Ram, 4 Ram the father of Ammindab, Ammindab the father of Nahshon, Nahshon the father of Salmon, 5 Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab, Boaz the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth, Obed, the father of Jesse, 6 and Jesse the father of King David. David was the father of Solomon, whose mother had been Uriah's wife..." Matthew 1:3-6

KEY TRUTH #1: Jesus didn't just come for **SINNERS**. Jesus, came from a **LINEAGE** of sinners, and that was okay, because that was the point.

"...Take heart son; your sins are forgiven." Matthew 9:2

"...the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." Matthew 9:6

"...Get up, take your mat and go home." Matthew 9:6

"As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. 'Follow me,' he told him...and Matthew got up and followed him." Matthew 9:9

"'11 Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?' 12 On hearing this, Jesus said, 'It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick.' 13 But go and learn what this means. I desire mercy, not sacrifice. For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.'" Matthew 9:11-13

KEY TRUTH #2: Christmas is about God drawing **NEAR** to those who have drawn **AWAY**.

THE BOTTOM LINE: Jesus changed the **RULES** in terms of what it meant to **APPROACH** God.