

Advent

Connect with Jesus' Story

Matthew 1:1-17



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Advent Season: Connect with Jesus

Jesus the Protagonist –
Connect with Jesus' story

Jesus the Companion –
Connect with Jesus personally

Jesus the Treasure –
Connect with Jesus' worth

Jesus the Refugee –
Connect with Jesus' mission

An Unusual Genealogy

- 5 women listed, mostly non-Jewish
- 3 groups of 14 names
- Many generations skipped

Matthew is telling a story.

A Promise Made

God promises Abraham:

- A nation (a unified people)
- A land (a home)
- Blessing for all people groups through a descendant (“son”) of Abraham

Life only comes from holding tight to God’s promise.

The Promise Shipped

The focus shifts to David

- A descendant of David would rule FOREVER.
- The groups of 14 point to David: “David” was numerically equivalent to 14 in Hebrew.

God’s promise will only be fulfilled by God’s chosen king – the Greater Son of David.

Plot Twist

After David, things deteriorate quickly

- The nation? Divided and hostile.
- The land? They're conquered and deported.
- The king? There is no more throne to sit on.

***God's promise remains,
even in the worst
circumstances.***



Promise Kept

Now we know the story in which Jesus is the main character:

- “Son of Abraham” – source of life from God for all people.
- “Son of David” – God’s king who brings about God’s promise of life.
- “Christ” – Messiah. God’s savior.

To connect with Jesus, we must connect with his story.

