Intro: <u>ancestory.com</u> made \$1 billion dollars in revenue in 2021. Genealogies are important to people. They want to know where they've come from. Lineage. Important people in their line makes them feel a sense of worth and importance. Evil things done in the past brings a certain sense of shame/embarrassment. We get a sense of identity from our family history.

Generations in the Bible were especially important in Jewish culture, but also to God. To preserve the line/history. <u>Where we get stuck in our Bible Reading plans.</u> Important historical documentation. Evidence. Truth claims. Falsifiable. Jesus was actually born. Human. Difference between Matthew & Luke. David vs. Adam. 14+14+14. Jesus is the 7th Seven. Perfect, Complete & Final Generation/Epoch/Era. His Kingdom is the Last. He's our Final Sabbath Rest.

READ/PRAY: Matthew 1

Thesis: "Jesus is the True King and His Kingdom will last forever."

I. Jesus is The Son of the Royal Family

- A. **Son of Jesse and David.** The Promised Christ/Messiah of God. God's covenant with David. **2 Sam.7:12-13**. Not Solomon. It was always about Jesus. Who would be faithful. **ILLUSTRATION**: **Herod & the Genealogies**. Descendant of Esau (*Edomite*). Birthright. So he burned all the historical records and genealogies he could find. But there were personal/private records kept in Nazareth. Small Town of 400. David's family. Hiding. **Is.11:1** Nazer = "Branch"
 - B. He's the Good Shepherd. Ez. 34:23-24; 37:24-25; John 10
 - C. He's the True King. Most of the OT promises about the coming Christ/Messiah were during time of Exile. Kingdom lost. Line of David lost. A promise to redeem/rescue/return. New/Forever King/Kingdom.
 - D. Psalm 89:3-4, 20-21, 34-35, 49; Isaiah 16:5; Luke 1:30-35; 68-70

II. His Kingdom will Grow & Never End

- A. **Son of David. Triumphal Entry.** Ppl were recognizing Him. "Son of David." "Please, Save us!" **Matt.21:1-17**. They knew. **Matt. 22:41-45**. They Knew.
- B. Kingdom is the Church. Jesus said "I will build my church." Jer. 33:14-26.
- C. He is Immanuel. God w/ us. Expected one. Promised/Anointed. Christ/Messiah. Is.7:14.

ILLUSTRATION: Shoot from Stump of Jesse. Is.11:1. Grow into Kingdom that will never end.

III. You Can Be a part of the Royal Family

- A. **By Adoption & by marriage.** Doesn't matter what you've done or where you've been. Right at the beginning of the Gospel, Jesus's genealogy is dripping with grace. Sinners are a part of His Royal Family. You can be too.
- B. Luke 2:8-14. Good News/Evangelizing Angels. Peace. "The meaning of Christmas." ILLUSTRATION: Linus in Charlie Brown Christmas. "Fear Not." Drops the blanket. He can later sacrifice his beloved blanket to help encourage his friend and bring joy to others.
 - C. Matt. 9:27; 20:30-31; 15:22. Blind, sick, demon possessed and oppressed. Healing.

2 Sam.7:12-13

12 When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. 13 He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

Ez. 34:23-24; 37:24-25

23 And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. 24 And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the Lord; I have spoken.

24 "My servant David shall be king over them, and they shall all have one shepherd. They shall walk in my rules and be careful to obey my statutes. 25 They shall dwell in the land that I gave to my servant Jacob, where your fathers lived. They and their children and their children's children shall dwell there forever, and David my servant shall be their prince forever.

Psalm 89:3-4, 20-21, 34-35, 49; Isaiah 16:5; Luke 1:30-35; 68-70

You have said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one;

I have sworn to David my servant:

4 'I will establish your offspring forever,

and build your throne for all generations." Selah

I have found David, my servant;

with my holy oil I have anointed him,

21 so that my hand shall be established with him;

my arm also shall strengthen him.

I will not violate my covenant

or alter the word that went forth from my lips.

35 Once for all I have sworn by my holiness;

I will not lie to David.

Lord, where is your steadfast love of old,

which by your faithfulness you swore to David?

then a throne will be established in steadfast love.

and on it will sit in faithfulness

in the tent of David

one who judges and seeks justice

and is swift to do righteousness."

30 And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. 31 And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. 32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, 33 and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." 34 And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?" 35 And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born[b] will be called holy—the Son of God.

"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel.

for he has visited and redeemed his people

69 and has raised up a horn of salvation for us

in the house of his servant David, 70 as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,

Matt.21 (Triumphal Entry & Cleansing Temple)

14 And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he healed them. 15 But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying out in the temple, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" they were indignant, 16 and they said to him, "Do you hear what these are saying?" And Jesus said to them, "Yes; have you never read,

"Out of the mouth of infants and nursing babies

you have prepared praise'?"

17 And leaving them, he went out of the city to Bethany and lodged there.

Matt. 22:41-45

41 Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, 42 saying, "What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." 43 He said to them, "How is it then that David, in the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying,

44 "The Lord said to my Lord,

"Sit at my right hand,

until I put your enemies under your feet"?

45 If then David calls him Lord, how is he his son?"

Luke 2:8-14

And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. 9 And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. 10 And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. 11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. 12 And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." 13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, 14 "Glory to God in the highest.

and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

Matt. 9:27; 20:30-31; 15:22

27 And as Jesus passed on from there, two blind men followed him, crying aloud, "Have mercy on us, Son of David."

30 And behold, there were two blind men sitting by the roadside, and when they heard that Jesus was passing by, they cried out, "Lord,[a] have mercy on us, Son of David!" 31 The crowd rebuked them, telling them to be silent, but they cried out all the more, "Lord, have mercy on us, Son of David!" 22 And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon."