

The Signs of Christmas: Reserved Parking

Spring Green Community Church - Sermon Notes

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The Signs of Christmas Series



Matthew 1:1-17

Why include a genealogy?

Family snapshots

1:1

1:2

1:3

Family is Family

1:5-6

Mary

1:16

Math lesson

1:17

Divine providence at work

6. What does this genealogy make clear about Jesus?
(Look at vs. 1.)

7. Consider some of the people in the genealogy.
What can we learn about God's purpose for Jesus as
we look at some of their history?

a. Vs. 3: Tamar, a "pretend" Canaanite harlot who
represented
Judas's failure through sin and incest (Genesis 38).

b. Vs. 5: Rahab, a Canaanite prostitute who harbored
the Israelite
spies (Joshua 2).

c. Vs. 5: Ruth, an unclean Gentile Moabite, who
made a
questionable marriage proposal to Boaz by lying at
his feet at
night (Ruth 3).

d. Vs. 6: David the favored king, whose heart was
after God's, but
sinned grievously and suffered the consequences (2
Samuel 11).

e. Vs. 6: Uriah's wife, Bathsheba, an adulteress who fell
to sin
(2 Samuel 11).

f. A lineage of faithful kings, who still struggled with sin;
and other
kings who ruled corruptly.

8. As we look at the genealogy, it becomes obvious that God uses people with diverse experiences and backgrounds in His plan for salvation. How can we be inspired by their successes and failures? What hope and assurance is ours?

9. What area of your life could be more fully submitted to the sovereign rule of Jesus? In what matter could you trust more fully in His Divine Providence?

Next week's scripture: Luke 1:46-55