

*Divine*  
**"Bread Crumb"**  
*Trails*



# Week 3: Genealogies

## Welcome

If you had to describe your week using only a movie title, what would it be?

## Worship

Read *Psalm 100* aloud. Then, share one way you have personally seen God's faithfulness in your life or family history.

## Word

Read *Matthew 1:1-17*.

1. Read *Genesis 12:1-3; 2 Samuel 7:16-17; and Isaiah 9:6-7*. What do these passages reveal about Jesus' identity and the fulfillment of God's covenant with Abraham and David in Jesus' genealogy?

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2. Matthew intentionally includes four women in Jesus' genealogy (**Matthew 1:1-17**)—Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, and Bathsheba—in Jesus' genealogy. Why is this significant, and what does it reveal about God's grace?

3. Jesus' genealogy in Matthew is structured into three groups of fourteen generations (**Matthew 1:17**). Also, David is mentioned in **Matthew 1:6**, and the numeric value of David's name in Hebrew is fourteen. Why might Matthew have chosen this pattern? What theological significance could this structure hold?

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4. Think about your own personal history. How has God worked through your family or past experiences (even the broken ones) to bring you to where you are today?

5. Compare Matthew's genealogy with Luke's genealogy (**Luke 3:23-38**). What are some key differences? What might be Matthew's intent versus Luke's in how they present Jesus' lineage?

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6. How are Jesus' genealogies proof that God keeps His promises?

7. What is one way you can build a legacy of faith in your family or community?

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## Witness

Jesus' genealogy proves that God uses unexpected people to accomplish His purposes. This week, who is someone that you can reach out to and encourage (a coworker, friend, neighbor, etc.)?

## Personal Reflection & Deeper Study for this Week

- Memorize **Genesis 3:15**.
- In **Hebrews 11**, we see a list of the faithful who played a role in God's redemptive history. Compare this with Matthew's genealogy—what themes of faith, grace, and redemption emerge from both?
- God is faithful, even during dark times. We see this faithfulness revealed in Matthew's genealogy. Read **Matthew 1:11-12; 2 Kings 24-25; Jeremiah 29:10-14; Daniel 9:1-2; Lamentations 3:21-26**.
  - What does the inclusion of the Babylonian exile in Jesus' genealogy teach us about God's faithfulness?
  - How did the exile shape Israel's expectation of a Messiah?
  - What does **Jeremiah 29:10-14** reveal about God's promise to restore His people?
  - How can the concept of exile apply to our spiritual journey today?
- Study deeper into God's timing of sending Jesus: Read **Matthew 1:17; Galatians 4:4-5; Acts 17:26-27; Romans 5:6; Daniel 2:44**.
  - Paul states in **Galatians 4:4** that Jesus came "when the set time had fully come." What does this mean?
  - How does Matthew's genealogy reinforce the idea that God works according to His perfect timing?
  - What historical, cultural, and political conditions made the first century the right time for Christ's coming?
  - How does trusting in God's sovereign timing impact our daily lives?