

Text: Matthew 1:1-25

Topics: Birth of Christ, Faith, Hope, Promises of God

Series: The Promised King

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Jesus is Presented

I. The Lineage Fulfillment (1-17)

The lineage of Jesus shows the legitimacy and lordship of Jesus.

The lineage of Jesus shows that God fulfills promises and uses failed people.

II. The Lord's Fulfillment (18-25)

The birth of Jesus was the unique work and plan of God to save people from their sins.

Faith to follow God may require great courage and obedience!

Jesus is willing and able to save, will I follow?

Application Questions - *These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group, for even more benefit.*

1. Can you think of a leader that you "followed" of your own volition? What was it about their life that compelled you to follow their lead?

2. The legitimacy of Jesus to be the Messiah is shown in His genealogy. Skim through it (Matthew 1:1-17). Covenants were made with two men in the genealogy. What is in the covenants below that reveal the need for a unique descendant in order to fulfill? How did each man respond to the covenant?
Abraham (Genesis 12:1-9)

David (2 Samuel 7:1-29)

3. God obviously wanted the Jewish people to put their hope and faith in these covenants. What does Hebrews 10:23 say about the New Testament believer's hope, and why.

What are some of the things you hope for? How confident are you that you will experience them, and why?

4. Several of the people in the genealogy of Jesus could be labeled huge moral failures. Is there one that really strikes you? Why?

Do you have a past failure that haunts you? How is it affecting you?

What are some of the failures you see in people today? How do you treat the people you know today who have "failed"?

5. What words would you use to describe how Mary and Joseph felt when Joseph first found out Mary was pregnant? What would their family and friends have likely wanted them to feel and do?

6. It took great courage and faith on the part of Joseph and Mary to follow God's plan in the birth of Jesus. Read Ephesians 2:8-10. Is there something God wants you to do, that requires faith and courage?

Is there a step you need to take? How can others help, or encourage you?

7. What is the main application of this study, and/or the sermon and its passages, for you?