# **Sermon Listening Guide (December 7, 2025)**

Scripture: Matthew 1:1-17 Sermon Title: "Genealogy"

## **First Thoughts**

We all want to know who and where we came from.

Matthew 1 tells the story of Jesus' genealogy through Joseph.

## Who He Came From

Matthew 1 is divided into 3 sections each containing 14 generations of ancestors.

From Rahab to David and Zerubbabel to Joseph, Jesus' ancestors are not squeaky clean.

One of the beautiful things about the Bible is that it is brutally honest in its history.

Matthew 1 shows both the divinity and humanity of Christ.

Knowing who Jesus came from helps us to understand who he came for.

#### Who He Came For

As Jesus came from sinners and many Gentiles, he came for sinners and Gentiles.

Luke 19:10 and John 1:29 speak to who Jesus came to save.

The compassion Jesus felt for the lost should inspire the church.

You and I are surrounded by messy people that need Jesus.

Jesus came to reach people just like his ancestors.

#### **Final Thoughts**

We should love the sinners of this world as Jesus did.