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Title: “The Genesis of Jesus Christ”

Series: Beginnings: The Promise Fulfilled

Text: Matthew 1:1-17

1. Jesus is *the* promised **SERPENT-SLAYER** you've been **WAITING** for, vv. 1-2, 17 (*see also Genesis 3:15; 12:2-3; Acts 3:19-25; Galatians 3:16; 4:4-5; 1 John 3:8; Revelation 19:11-20:4*).
2. Jesus is *the* faithful **SHEPHERD** you can follow **FOREVER**, vv. 3-17 (*see also Gen. 49:10; 2 Samuel 7:12-13; Isaiah 9:6-7; 11:1-5; 40:10-11; Ezekiel 34:23-24; Micah 5:2-5; Acts 13:22-23; Rev. 22:16*).
3. Jesus is *the* redemptive **SAVIOR** for every kind of **SINNER**, vv. 3, 5-6 (*see also 28:18-20; 9:12-13; Luke 2:11; 5:32; 1 Corinthians 1:27-29; Gal. 3:28-29; Philippians 2:4-10; 1 Timothy 1:15; Titus 2:11-14*).

FOR FURTHER STUDY & DISCUSSION

1. Reflect on some books, movies, TV shows or stories that have a “big reveal.” What was the reveal and how did the story point to it? In our Genesis series, we saw God make promises to Adam & Eve and Abraham. What were they (see Gen. 3 and 12)? How is Matt. 1:1-17 the “big reveal”? How does Matthew direct us to the places in the Old Testament that pointed to Jesus? How does this point to God’s faithfulness, His power, and His purposes in history?
2. Think about a time when you followed a leader who ultimately misled you or failed in their leadership. While human leadership is a gift from God (1 Peter 2:13-14), what did that experience teach you about the limitations of human leaders? What did it leave you desiring? In Matt. 1:1, Jesus is identified as a son of David, the shepherd-king. What kind of leader is that? How was Jesus a better shepherd-king than those who came before him (vv. 6-11), including David? With that in mind, what does it look like to follow Jesus as your Shepherd and King, why can you be confident doing it? How have you experienced Jesus’s shepherding care and leadership in your life?
3. As you consider your family tree, what characters and stories in your family history are noteworthy, either because you’re happy to share them with others or because you’d rather people not know about them? Why do we often avoid mentioning those so-called “skeletons in the closet”? In Matthew’s genealogy of Jesus, 5 women are mentioned. Who are they, what kind of women were they, and how do each of their stories represent “skeletons” in Jesus’s family history? How is including them both a pointer to Jesus as the fulfillment of the promise to Abraham in Gen. 12:3 and show him as a Savior who came *for* sinners and *from* sinners? What does it teach us about the heart of God to use broken sinners like us to accomplish His good purposes for us? How is that Good News for you?

NEXT WEEK: Matthew 1:18-25

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