



new life fellowship

**Sermon Title: Advent: The Ancestors of Jesus**

**Speaker: Richard Villodas, Lead Pastor**

**Scripture: Matthew 1:1-6, 12-16**

This is the genealogy<sup>[a]</sup> of Jesus the Messiah<sup>[b]</sup> the son of David, the son of Abraham:

<sup>2</sup> Abraham was the father of Isaac,

Isaac the father of Jacob,

Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers,

<sup>3</sup> Judah the father of Perez and Zerah, whose mother was Tamar,

Perez the father of Hezron,

Hezron the father of Ram,

<sup>4</sup> Ram the father of Amminadab,

Amminadab the father of Nahshon,

Nahshon the father of Salmon,

<sup>5</sup> Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab,

Boaz the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth,

Obed the father of Jesse,

<sup>6</sup> and Jesse the father of King David.

After the exile to Babylon:

Jecooniah was the father of Shealtiel,

Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel,

<sup>13</sup> Zerubbabel the father of Abihud,

Abihud the father of Eliakim,

Eliakim the father of Azor,

<sup>14</sup> Azor the father of Zadok,

Zadok the father of Akim,

Akim the father of Elihud,

<sup>15</sup> Elihud the father of Eleazar,

Eleazar the father of Matthan,

Matthan the father of Jacob,

<sup>16</sup> and Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary, and Mary was the mother of Jesus who is called the Messiah. (NIV)

### **Sermon Outline:**

Advent is a time of hopeful waiting – waiting on the arrival of Jesus Christ and the time when Jesus Christ will make everything new.

What we find the opening words of Matthew's Gospel is one of the most profound demonstrations of God's grace. The genealogy of Jesus Christ shows us that Jesus came from the royal family line of David because the Messiah was to come from the royal family line of David. These names connect and point Jesus to a particular past.

In Matthew's writing of this scripture, he includes women in Jesus's genealogy who lived questionable lives. He is connecting the life of Jesus to people who have been overlooked and mistreated throughout human history. God shows us that Jesus identified with those who have sinned as well.

When you look at the genealogy of Jesus's family, you see the grace of God all over it.

1. Your mistakes are not too deep for God's grace.
2. God's goodness towards you is not connected to your goodness.
3. Jesus is not ashamed to join his life to messed up sinners.
4. Out of great mess comes the great Messiah.

**Sermon Summary:**

This Sunday, Richard Villodas, Lead Pastor begins a new sermon series on Advent. Pastor Rich teaches on the genealogy of Jesus, focusing on particular ancestors of Jesus that emphasize important lessons about the surprising grace of God.

**Sermon Questions:**

1. Do you feel an invitation from Christ in today's scripture passage? Do any of the words resonate with you? If so, why?
2. Have you experienced a time when you felt marginalized and invisible, questioning, and wondering whether or not God sees you? Know this: God sees you and knows your pain. He knows all the ways that you have been sinned against or mistreated. How does this make you feel when you hear that God is with you during this time? Find time this week to thank God for always being with you, especially during times when you felt alone or invisible.
3. For many of us, looking at our genealogy can be quite painful and hard to acknowledge. In hearing and learning about the genealogy of Jesus's family, knowing that it is full of people who have made mistakes and were marginalized, does this help you see that we all come from families who are broken and experience pain? Take time this week to journal your feelings around your family and ancestors, maybe sharing with a trusted brother or sister in Christ or in your small group.