## SERMON OUTLINE & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS DECEMBER 12, 2021

## THE GENERATIONS LEADING TO CHRIST MATTHEW 1:1-17

## **MAIN THOUGHT & OUTLINE**

King Jesus' family history teaches us that because of God and in spite of man his promised coming was never in doubt.

- **I.** God's Doubtless Promise (v.1)
- **II.** Never in Doubt from Abraham to David (v.2-6a)
- **III.** Never in Doubt from David to the Exile (v.6b-11)
- **IV.** Never in Doubt from the Exile to the Christ (v.12-16)
  - V. God's Doubtless Provision through the Generations (v.17)

## **QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION & DISCUSSION**

- 1. What have you considered about this genealogy before? What have you learned that is new?
- 2. Why would this genealogy matter to Matthew's Jewish audience and be important in proving Jesus is the Christ?
- **3.** How should this passage encourage our hearts to believe every single promise of God, regardless of how things appear to our sight?
- **4.** How is the gospel proclaimed in this passage? Think of the inclusion of the four women in the genealogy.

**FURTHER READING:** Gen 5:1, 6:9, 11:10, 11:27, 12:3, 25:19, 37:1, 38; Ruth 4:18; 2 Sam 7; Ps. 89:44; Isa 9:1-7; Jer 23:5; John 3:16; Gal 3:16; Heb 11:31