Matthew for Today: Jesus is King!

Matt 1:1-17

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How are you with names? Today we’ll review a few names, and how significant each is given for the story of God’s grace continually being extended.

A Sure Word: We Look to the Scriptures

2 Peter 1:19–21; John 14:26; 2 Tim 3:16-17, Rom 15:4

* The Word of God was given for our learning.
* The study of God’s Word brings hope.

New Study: Matthew’s Gospel

* What’s in a Name? Matthew 1:1, 17
* 3 divisions: vs 2-6a; 6b-11; 12-16

Theme: Matthew presents Jesus as King, the long-awaited Messiah

* As Son of Abraham, Jesus is the promised seed in whom all nations of the world would be blessed. Gen 22:18
* As Son of David, He is the King who is to reign in righteousness upon David’s throne. Is 9:6-7

Notes about Matthew’s Gospel:

* His actual descent from David was through His mother Mary.
* Wrote primarily to convince the Jews that Jesus was their promised Messiah.
* Matthew has 129 OT references: 53 direct citations and 76 allusions.
* Matthew shows that the OT was fulfilled in Jesus. Matt 21:4
* Passages are unique to this Gospel: 31
* Kingdom of heaven: 32x
* The Church is not the Kingdom, but the church is in the kingdom.
* He saw from Israel to the church, already active

Matthew: Hated tax-collector, redeemed by Christ!

The three-part genealogy:

1. Matt 1:2-6a The Genealogy of Grace: The five women…Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba, Mary
2. Matt 1:6b-11 David to Babylon “The history leading up to the exile in Babylon includes decline, degeneracy, apostasy, and idolatry, ultimately ending in defeat, destruction, and deportation. But God had neither given up on His people nor broken His promises.”
3. Matt 1:12-16 From apostacy, bondage and isolation to the bright light of the Messiah’s arrival!

The purpose of the genealogy: Davidic Throne

Evidenced in Matt 1:16 regarding role of Mary and of Joseph

Applications

1. Have you received this gift of “Good News”?
2. How will seeing Jesus as King help you live for Him this week?
3. Imagine your name being mentioned. How do you identify God’s grace in your story?
4. Who are people in your story that you need to acknowledge and thank?