



# Sunday 13th November 2016

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My Crazy Family (Matt 1:1-17)

1. Read Matthew 1:1-16. In the light of this passage, discuss Danny's comment "There are two big ideas... anyone and anything can be redeemed by God". There are two genealogies in the Gospels this one and Luke 3:23-37 - one relating to Joseph and one to Mary his Mother. Why was it important to us to know Jesus' genealogy? How important is genealogy to you?
2. In Matthew's genealogy there are four women listed. Chose at least two of these women to study:
  - a. first Tamar (see Genesis 38:6-30). What does this story tell us of Tamar's family and what was it about Tamar that she was called righteous even though she played the prostitute? What does this tell us about Judah the father of Perez who are both in the lineage of Jesus?
  - b. The second woman is Rahab (see Joshua 2:1-24). What was it that caused Rahab to support the two spies and why did she stand firm in a very dangerous situation? Even though she was a prostitute and considered very low in her society status what does it say about her love for her family and her character qualities?
  - c. The third woman was Ruth [the daughter in-law of Rahab] (see Ruth 1:11-20, 2:1-13, 19-23, 3:7-13, and 4:13-18). What is the significance of the relationship of Ruth to Naomi and later to Boaz? What does this say about Ruth's faith and her qualities – she was the Great Grandmother of King David?
  - d. The Fourth women is Mary the mother of Jesus so that He was called the "Son of Man" and was "God in the flesh" as His Father is the Almighty God. He knew all about family as Mary had other children as well so how important was family to Jesus? Read John 1: 10-14. What does this say about us becoming part of His family and how do we become His children? Is there a parallel in the roles of Jesus and Boaz and if so how?