



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
R O C H E S T E R

Sermon Discussion Guide
April 19, 2026

Refresh

Read Matthew 1:1-17 to get the Scripture passages back in your mind.

Discuss

In the Gospel of Matthew, the question of who Jesus is comes up repeatedly. How does the calming of the storm in Matthew 8:23-27 help answer that question, and how does it shape your personal understanding of Jesus?

Matthew intentionally structures Jesus' genealogy around King David. Why would emphasizing Jesus' connection to David be so important to a Jewish audience, and why does it still matter for Christians today?

The genealogy highlights God's promises to Abraham (Genesis 12) and David (2 Samuel 7). How does seeing Jesus as the fulfillment of these promises strengthen your trust in God's faithfulness?

Matthew includes unexpected women like Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, and Bathsheba. What do their stories reveal about God's grace? In what ways should their inclusion in the genealogy of Jesus give us great hope today?

Pastor Mark highlighted that Jesus came for sinners and sufferers, for people with messy and painful histories. How does this shape our view of who the gospel is for?

In light of 2 Corinthians 5:17–21, what does it practically mean for someone to be a "new creation" in Christ? How should that reality shape the way we view our past and engage with others?