

December 14th, 2025

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Matthew 1:1-17 (NIV)

OVERVIEW: Who are the unexpected people in Jesus' family line?

- A line that includes women: Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba (vv. 1-6)
- A line of "sinners": Rehoboam, Manasseh, Jeconiah (vv. 7-11)
- A line of forgotten people. (vv. 12-17)

Truths From the Unexpected Family of Jesus

1. There's a place in God's family for

_____. Luke 7:47

2. God is bigger than our _____.

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3. God uses _____ people to accomplish
_____ things. John 6:9

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