

Sunday 11th December 2016

Jesus story can be your story

"This is a record of the ancestors of Jesus the Messiah, a descendant of David and of Abraham" Matthew 1:1

Matthew 1:1-17 Variety of people who complete genealogy:

Tamar (Genesis 38)

Rahab (Joshua 2)

Ruth (Ruth 1-4)

David (Acts 13:22)

Ahaz (2 Kings 16:2-3)

Hezekiah (2 Kings 18:3)

Manassah (2 Kings 21:2)

Jechoniah (2 Kings 24:8-9 & Jer 22:30)

1. Jesus invites us into his story

"For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16

2. Jesus invites us to play a part in his story

i. Stay close to Him

"Wherever you go, I will go; wherever you live, I will live." Ruth 1:16

*"Come, **follow me.**" John 1:43*

ii. Accept you calling

Mary responded, "I am the Lord's servant. May everything you have said about me come true." Luke 1:38

"Look! The virgin will conceive a child!

She will give birth to a son,

and they will call him Immanuel,

which means 'God is with us.'"

Matthew 1:23