

Song of Solomon 4 LA

- 1) What is the Song of Solomon about?**

- 2) Is it wrong to talk about sex in church? Why or why not.**

- 3) How has the world perverted God's good design for sex?**

- 4) How has the Church often perverted God's good design for sex?**

- 5) Is sex in marriage as holy as praying, reading your Bible, having devotions or teaching a Bible lesson?**

- 6) How did Solomon feel about his wife, the Shulamite?**

- 7) Discuss some principals from 1 Corinthians 7:2-5**
 - a) 1 Corinthians 7:2**
 - b) 1 Corinthians 7:3**
 - c) 1 Corinthians 7:4**
 - d) 1 Corinthians 7:5**

- 8) Proverbs 5 begins with an admonition to avoid the immoral woman and ends with a warning about the immoral woman, in-between are verses 15-20. Note several principals from these verses.**
 - a) Proverbs 5:15**
 - b) Proverbs 5:16**
 - c) Proverbs 5:17**
 - d) Proverbs 5:18**
 - e) Proverbs 5:19**
 - f) Proverbs 5:20**

- 9) Considering all of the verses we have studied; what is the purpose of sex in marriage?**

Matthew 1:1-17 The genealogy and human lineage of Jesus Christ

Monday (Matthew 1:1) Today we are beginning our study through the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Matthew. Matthew, also called Levi, was one of the twelve original disciples of Jesus Christ. He was a Jew and he was also a hated tax collector (Matthew 9:9). Tax collector's worked for the Roman government. Many of them were crooked and took advantage of their positions of authority to steal from their fellow countrymen. They were seen as scoundrels and traitors. Other than that basic information we do not know anything about this man named Matthew. We do know that he was the human author of this book as his name was attached to all early copies of the manuscripts of this book. We also know from the content of this book that it must have been written before the destruction of the Temple in AD 70. My prayer is that God will use our time in the book of Matthew to change our hearts, to instruct us and to encourage us to be better followers of our great Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Tuesday (Matthew 1:1) Ah good, the part of the Bible I always skip over; the genealogies! I mean have you ever tried to slug your way through the book of Numbers? Did you know that the genealogies contain some awesome nuggets of information that are not found anywhere else in the Bible? Did you know that these genealogies are also critically important to understanding the gospel?

Wednesday (Matthew 1:1-2) This is very interesting but why does the genealogy of Jesus Christ start at Abraham? I mean Abraham was not the original man, Adam was. Matthew took it for granted that we could read the rest of the Bible to find those genealogies. Read Genesis 5 this is the genealogy from Adam to Noah. We know that Noah had three sons so all of mankind descended from Noah through one of those sons. Genesis 11:10-27 picks up the genealogy from there and includes the genealogy from Shem to Abram (Abraham later). What might God want you to know from all of this historical data?

Thursday (Luke 3:23-38) This is a parallel passage to Matthew 1:1-17. Or is it? You may notice that this genealogy is more complete (it goes all the way back to Adam) but you may also notice that after King David the lineage is different than the one produced in Matthew (Solomon in Matthew, Nathan in Luke). Why are these two genealogies (of the same person; Jesus) different? Most scholars agree that this is the lineage of Mary or Jesus through Mary. I think God may have included this to silence the scoffers. Some may have said "If Joseph wasn't really Jesus' father then Jesus wasn't in the line of David" then the argument would be that Jesus could not be Messiah because the Messiah had to be in the line of David or a son of David. God, of course, had all of that worked out. Jesus was of the lineage of David both through His earthy (adopted) father Joseph and through His mother Mary who was also in the line of David.

Friday (Ruth 4:18-22) The Bible is full of genealogies. Genealogies contain many wonderful nuggets of information that are critically important to understanding the Bible and the gospel of Jesus Christ. Today we are looking at the genealogy from Ruth chapter four. This short genealogy is also found in Matthew 1:3-6). What is the point of including this genealogy in the book of Ruth? The main point is to summarize the book of Ruth – life is sometimes difficult but God can bring restoration. When you do God's will and live God's way there is no limit to how blessed your life can be. Life was difficult for Ruth and Naomi, but God worked through those difficult circumstances, and they got to be in the line of God's Messiah.

Saturday (Matthew 1:1-17) Why is the genealogy of Jesus Christ written here? Why is it presented first? One clear reason is fulfilled prophecy; the Messiah had to come from through Abraham, from the tribe of Judah and from the line of David. Let's not miss this as we begin our study of the book of Matthew. This is the first book of the New Testament. Think about it! It has been 400 years since God spoke through the last prophet. The people have been waiting for God's promised Messiah, deliverer, prophet, priest & King, but it has been so long. Now Matthew introduces us to this coming Messiah by telling us His lineage. Just as God told us He would, the Messiah came through Abraham, through Judah and was in the line of David the king. There is another reason we have this genealogy which we are going to discuss on Sunday.