

# Study Guide Questions

**Series:** As He Came

**Message:** In Humility

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## **Memory Verse: Philippians 2:6-8**

Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

## **Read Matthew 1:1-17**

- Have you ever researched your family tree? How far back can you trace your family? What does knowing your family history tell you about who you are?
- How would you expect a god to come to earth? Why do you think God chose to break into humanity in humility instead of with pageantry or power? What does this say about who God is?
- Do you find it hard to live a life of humility? What tensions do you experience living a life of humility in the workplace, in your home, or with friends?
- What is the Davidic Covenant (see 2 Samuel 7:1-17)? To what is God referring when He promises David a “throne, kingdom and house”? How does this covenant find fulfillment in Christ (see Luke 1:32)? How is Jesus' kingdom different from that of David's?
- What is the Abrahamic Covenant (see Genesis 15:1-6)? How does this covenant intersect with Jesus and His mission? Who are Abraham's spiritual offspring (see Galatians 3:29)? What is the importance of this?



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- Who are the four women mentioned in Jesus' genealogy? Why do you think these women and only these women are included? What makes their inclusion in Jesus' genealogy unexpected? How did each of these women show their faithfulness in the Lord?
- After reading and understanding the characters in the lineage of Jesus, does Romans 8:28 have new meaning for you? Fill in the blank with your name "\_\_\_\_\_ is not special. God's grace towards \_\_\_\_\_ is special." How have you experienced/witnessed God's grace in your life?
- What is Matthew trying to convey to his reader by providing a genealogical record for Jesus? Is it important to your faith that Jesus has the appropriate lineage to be the Messiah? How can this passage help you know that God makes promises and God keeps His promises through all generations?



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