

Sermon: **BAGGAGE**
Text: Matthew 1:1-17

"The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ..."
Matthew 1:1a

This seemingly "boring" list of names is crucial to the Christmas story, and contains an important message of hope.

The genealogy is intentionally organized into _____ groups of _____.

God is always at _____ even when everything seems to _____ he's _____ us.

All of history leads to Jesus, just like this list.

**God wants us to know that _____ is greater
than _____ our _____.**

Martin Luther: *"Oh, Christ is the kind of person who is not ashamed of sinners—in fact, he even puts them in his family tree."*

- ☐ **Fact: What is a key truth that you understood from this passage?**
- ☐ **React: What did you feel?**
- ☐ **Act: What are you going to do?**

MY RESPONSE:

- Give thanks that no one is beyond the reach of God's mercy, grace, and forgiveness.
- Knowing that there is no baggage in my life that is too great for the Savior, I give it over to him.