

TAKE HOME SHEET



Series: FourTold
Service: Matthew Shares the History
Speaker: Rusty Coram
Date: December 12, 2021

Questions:

What difference does it make if the stories leading up to Jesus' birth are true or not?

If you can't trust part of the history, what makes the other parts believable?

Why do you think God wanted the genealogy of Jesus to include not only national heroes, but also villainous leaders, outcasts and the unvalued?

What did you learn about God and how He views people this week? How does that impact how you want to treat others?

In preparation for next week:

Read Mark chapter 1 and Mark 10:45

BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:

NLT – New Living Translation

MESSAGE NOTES



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There is a place for myth and fiction, but they should never replace real history.

¹ Many people have set out to write accounts about the events that have been fulfilled among us. ² They used the eyewitness reports circulating among us from the early disciples. ³ Having carefully investigated everything from the beginning, I also have decided to write an accurate account for you, most honorable Theophilus, ⁴ so you can be certain of the truth of everything you were taught.

Luke 1:1–4 (NLT)

For we were not making up clever stories when we told you about the powerful coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Peter 1:16 (NLT)

The coming of Jesus is real history, and it tells us a lot about us and God.

You can reference the genealogy of Jesus in Matthew 1:1-17.

Human nature hasn't changed. Jesus' ancestors were real people, including heroes, villains, outcasts and the unvalued.

All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God's paths to follow our own. Yet the Lord laid on him the sins of us all.

Isaiah 53:6 (NLT)

God's love and grace are woven throughout history.

²² The faithful love of the Lord never ends! His mercies never cease. ²³ Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each morning.

Lamentations 3:22–23 (NLT)

No person or power on Earth will stop the work God wants to do.

³¹ What shall we say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can ever be against us? ³² Since he did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won't he also give us everything else? ³⁵ Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love? Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death? ³⁷ No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us.

Romans 8:31–37 (NLT) [selected]