

Tacky Christmas
Awkward Family Members
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What I mean by tacky:

Tacky = mismatched, out of place or in poor taste.

1. Jesus is in the right family tree.

- Abraham and David are include to give credibility to the messiah, because God had made promises to them. Gen. 12, 2 Sam. 7
- By selective pattern Matthew is underscoring specific purpose in order to show God's faithfulness to bless all the nations of the earth.

2. The tree has many awkward family members!

- If you consider who is named you will find every commandment broken.
- Matthew includes people I would have left out!
- Matthew wants us to know that God's purposes are fulfilled in ways we can never imagine and events we would never design.

3. Those that we would exclude are the ones God chose to include.

- What if those members weren't meant to a part of the story but to be the point of the story?
- Maybe the reason Jesus came to an imperfect family was to make sure we know we fit in.

Application:

- Who have you been excluding?
- There is no sin so great that in Jesus you won't be forgiven.