

THE MIRACLES OF CHRISTMAS

“A GENEALOGY OF GRACE”

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JESUS'S FAMILY TREE

¹This is a record of the ancestors of Jesus the Messiah, a descendant of David and of Abraham:

³... Judah was the father of Perez and Zerah (whose mother was **Tamar**)

⁵... Salmon was the father of Boaz (whose mother was **Rahab**).

⁵... Boaz was the father of Obed (whose mother was **Ruth**).

⁶... David was the father of Solomon (whose mother was **Bathsheba**, the widow of Uriah).

¹⁶... Jacob was the father of Joseph, the husband of **Mary**.
Mary gave birth to Jesus, who is called the Messiah.

MATTHEW 1:1-16 (Selected)

MATTHEW'S GENEALOGY

[The Lord speaking through Nathan the prophet to David]

¹³“He is the one who will build a house—a temple—for my name. And I will secure his royal throne forever. ¹⁴I will be his father, and he will be my son. If he sins, I will correct and discipline him with the rod, like any father would do. ¹⁵But my favor will not be taken from him ... ¹⁶Your house and your kingdom will continue before me for all time, and your throne will be secure forever.” 2 SAMUEL 7:13-16

1. _____ that Jesus is qualified to be the King by being a physical descendant of David
2. _____ Jesus as a historical figure and that our faith is rooted in history not in myth or legend
3. _____ the scope of God's grace
 - Grace is God's _____ favor
 - Grace is God's _____ to meet us where we are but loving us way too much to leave us there
 - Grace is God's _____ working in our lives
 - Grace is God's _____ that says “My story matters”

[All Scripture references from the New Living Translation unless otherwise noted]

TAMAR – RAHAB – RUTH – BATHSHEBA

FOUR UNLIKELY WOMEN

- At least 3 out of the 4 are Gentiles including a Canaanite and a Moabite
- 3 out of 4 are involved in some kind of sexual sin
- All of their lives revolved around deception, pain, and abuse
- All of their stories were marked by tragedy transformed into triumph

1. God never sees anyone as _____ or _____

“For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.” EPHESIANS 2:10

“Tamar, Rahab, Ruth and Bathsheba are in the Savior's genealogy to give us hope and to foreshadow the kind of people Jesus the Messiah came to save.”

2. Faith can _____ anyone's life

“If we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.” 1 JOHN 1:9

“Shame stories can stay shame stories if they're in the dark; but when they're brought into the light, they can be grace stories.”

3. There is _____ that excludes anyone from God's grace

“God has no favorites.” COLOSSIANS 3:25

“The Good News is that no matter how bad you've been, no matter the mistakes you've made, God's not done with you!”

4. God can redeem _____ and _____ for His purpose

“For I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners.” MATTHEW 9:13

“God often chooses the most unlikely to carry out His will.”

Jesus came from a lineage _____ sinners to _____ sinners!
Jesus' genealogy of grace is an invitation for you to come to Jesus and ask Him to save you!