

Bloodlines: The Genealogy of Jesus



The Son of Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, and Bathsheba

MATTHEW 1:1-17

Four Women



- ▶ There are four women listed in the genealogy before we get to Mary, the mother of Jesus.
- ▶ Tamar tricked her father-in-law into an intimate encounter and had twin boys named Perez and Zerah; Perez became part of the genealogy of Jesus.
- ▶ Rahab, a Canaanite prostitute, married Salmon and had a child named Boaz.
- ▶ Ruth, a Moabite, married Boaz and their great-grandson was David the king.
- ▶ Bathsheba, who David took as his wife after he had her husband killed, gave birth to Solomon.

The Gospel Turns Things Upside Down

- ▶ It was uncommon to have women in a genealogy, but Matthew included four outsiders.
- ▶ These women were:
 - ▶ Gender outsiders.
 - ▶ Ethnic outsiders.
 - ▶ Moral outsiders.
- ▶ Matthew wanted his readers to remember the story that brought Bathsheba into the family tree.
- ▶ Matthew wanted his readers to understand that the Gospel turns things upside down.

The Gospel Is Not Good Advice But Good News

- ▶ Advice is something that is offered that you can either take or leave.
- ▶ Good news is about something that has already happened.
- ▶ Many religions in the world just give advice.
- ▶ Christianity is the Good News that the battle against sin and Satan has been won.
- ▶ The Gospel is not good advice but Good News.

Conclusion

- ▶ Jesus' family tree shows us that the only way to relate to God is by grace alone through faith.
- ▶ Women and men, black and white, prostitute and king are all in the family tree of Jesus.
- ▶ It does not matter who you are or what you have done, you can belong to the family of God.
- ▶ Tell your family, friends, neighbors, colleagues, and even strangers that Jesus wants them to be in His family, too.