

The Ladies in the Family Tree

Matt 1:1-16

1. Intro

1. If we did a family tree, who would we consider leaving out?
2. In the culture of the day, the family tree usually deals with the fathers.
3. Yet the family tree of Jesus mentions four of the mothers.

2. Jesus As Redeemer

1. Illus: Bottles and cans are destined for the garbage, but we can redeem them at the bottle depot.
2. Jesus came to redeem us.
 1. He gave up His divine privileges for a time and came into this world as a man. (Phil 2:6-8)
3. Wouldn't we expect His family tree to be the perfect family tree; He was the perfect man.

3. The Ladies

1. Tamar (3)
 1. Story - Gen 28
 2. Son – Perez
 3. Deceit
2. Rahab (5a)
 1. Story - Josh 2:1-21; Heb 11:31; James 2:25
 2. Son – Boaz
 3. Gentile; prostitute
3. Ruth (5b)
 1. Story - Book of Ruth
 1. 4:13-17
 2. Son – Obed
 3. Gentile
4. Bathsheba (6)
 1. Story - II Sam 11-12
 2. Son – Solomon
 3. Adultery
5. Did any of these ladies think that they might be part of something so significant?

4. Conclusion

1. Jesus is The Redeemer
 1. Redeemer of both Israel and Gentiles
 2. He came to walk among the outcast and thieves and prostitutes, to redeem their lives back to God.
2. When we celebrate the birth of our Saviour we are celebrating redemption.