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Reflections

Before Adam and Eve left, God made a promise. He promised that the evil Serpent, the Devil, would always be at war with Eve and her children . . . God promised that one of Eve's children would, someday, eventually, sooner or later, crush the head of that nasty Snake. Nobody knew when or how, but she would have a child to put things right.

- Kevin DeYoung, *The Biggest Story*

Everything was ready. The moment God had been waiting for was here at last! God was coming to help his people, just as he promised in the beginning.

But how would he come? What would he be like? What would he do? Mountains would have bowed down. Seas would have roared. Trees would have clapped their hands. But the earth held its breath. As silent snow falling, he came in. And when no one was looking, in the darkness, he came.

- Sally Lloyd-Jones, *The Jesus Storybook Bible*

Sermon

The Mothers of Jesus: The Story of Bathsheba

Paul Kim

'Pietà' by Michelangelo, 1498-1499; Marble

'The Mothers of Jesus' logo by Molly Douglas

Scripture

2 Samuel 11:2-6, 12-15, 26-27; 12:14, 24-25

² It happened, late one afternoon, when David arose from his couch and was walking on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; and the woman was very beautiful. ³ And David sent and inquired about the woman. And one said, "Is not this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?" ⁴ So David sent messengers and took her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she had been purifying herself from her uncleanness.) Then she returned to her house. ⁵ And the woman conceived, and she sent and told David, "I am pregnant." ⁶ So David sent word to Joab, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent Uriah to David.

¹² Then David said to Uriah, "Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will send you back." So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day and the next. ¹³ And David invited him, and he ate in his presence and drank, so that he made him drunk. And in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house.

¹⁴ In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it by the hand of Uriah. ¹⁵ In the letter he wrote, "Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, that he may be struck down, and die."

²⁶ When the wife of Uriah heard that Uriah her husband was dead, she lamented over her husband. ²⁷ And when the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife and bore him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the Lord.

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¹⁴ "Nevertheless, because by this deed you have utterly scorned the Lord, the child who is born to you shall die."

²⁴ Then David comforted his wife, Bathsheba, and went in to her and lay with her, and she bore a son, and he called his name Solomon. And the Lord loved him ²⁵ and sent a message by Nathan the prophet. So he called his name Jedidiah, because of the Lord.

Events & News

Christmas Eve Service, December 24

On Sunday, December 24th, join us for a very special service as we celebrate the coming of Christ. Participate in 'Lessons in Carols' style worship and hear a message from Rankin. Just one service that day, 5:00 PM, at our Santa Monica campus.

New Year's Eve Services, December 31

We are hosting two services on New Year's Eve, 10:00 AM at Santa Monica High School and 4:00 PM at St. John's Episcopal. Children's Ministry will operate as usual.

Community Group Fair, January 7

Kick off the new year by getting plugged into a community group. Join us for food and festivities after each service, and speak with Community Group coaches to find a group that meets in your part of town.

View and sign up for all events on our mobile app, on our website, PacificCrossroads.org/Events, or speak with someone at the 'New Here?' tent.

Ministry Resources

Pastoral Care

Our pastoral care team is here to care for you if you are in a difficult place. Email pastoralcare@pacificcrossroads.org or call our office at 310.551.0081.

Celebrate Recovery

Join together weekly with others to celebrate God's healing power in our lives. Visit PacificCrossroads.org/CelebrateRecovery.