

Mothers of Jesus

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Mothers of Jesus: Tamar's Story– Matthew 1 | Genesis 38

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Tamar's is a story of violence, exploitation, prostitution and tragedy.

And it's a story of the determined grace of God to the least worthy.

Listen in as Lewis Roderick kicks off our Christmas series, The Mothers of Jesus and hear how the Saviour came to save both the most sinful and most sinned against.

For personal reflection/community discussion

Read – Read the passage in its context several times. Read it slow enough to understand what God is saying through it.

- What ideas or words are emphasised, repeated or related in this passage?
- In your own words, what is the main idea of this passage? (Try to summarise these verses in 10 words or less)

Examine – Next, try to understand the specifics of what the passage is communicating.

- What do you notice about God? What has he done/is he doing in these verses?
- What do you learn about Jesus and his gospel from this passage?
- What does it reveal about people?
- How do you think the writer wanted his reader to respond to these words?

Apply - After seeking to understand God's Word in this passage, consider how he intends to use it in your heart and life today.

- How did you find yourself responding to Judah during the message? What made you feel most uncomfortable as you heard his story?
- What were the most surprising aspects of Tamar's story? Why do you think she's been included in Matthew's genealogy?
- Are there aspects of Judah's life that overlap with your own? As Lewis asked, 'what can you not admit?'
- Are you prepared to believe that Christ came for men like Judah?