

Mothers of Jesus



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Mothers of Jesus: Bathsheba's Story– Matthew 1; 2 Samuel 11:1-5

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As we continue exploring Matthew's genealogy, Bob shows us how through the story of David & Bathsheba, Christ comes to redeem us from the ruin of our sin and the stain of our shame.

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.

- Shame festers in the unspoken shadows. Bring your shame into the light and speak it aloud to the Lord. Are you ashamed? Of what?
- How might your experience of shame change were you to do what Hebrews says; 'Consider Jesus':
 - He is not ashamed to call us brothers and sisters (2: 11)
 - He suffered outside the city gate to make the people holy through his own blood. Let us, then, go to him outside the camp, bearing the disgrace he bore. (13: 12–13)

These sentences are true. Christ bore shame for us. He is not ashamed of you. Why not take some moments to praise Jesus for this glorious reality?

- Want some help in considering shame and what Jesus has done for us? Over Christmas, consider watching the first episode of The Chosen (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0E-8-NcL7tc>) which dramatically depicts the freedom Christ offers us all.