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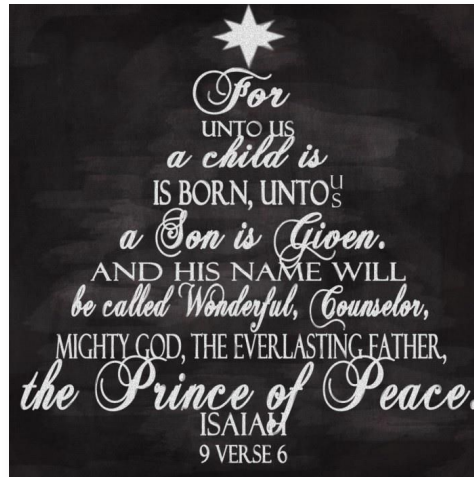
-- DARKNESS TO LIGHT --

THE MOTHERS OF JESUS

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Colossians 1:13 He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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DIGGING DEEPER

Questions and reflections for your own personal or group study.

1. When was the last time you sat down to read a genealogy? Have you ever read one or studied one in detail?
2. Re-read Matt. 1:17. How is Christmas not just about a birth, but a "coming"?
3. What have you had to "wait on the Lord" for?
4. Are you a patient person? Why or why not?
5. Re-read Galatians 4:4-5. What do you make of the phrase "fullness of time?"
6. Talk a little about the interesting characters in your family tree. Any nuts? :)
7. How does the inclusion of Rahab, Tamar & David in Jesus' family tree give you hope and encouragement?
8. Re-read Colossians 1:13. Does the phrase, "he delivered you," strike you as important?
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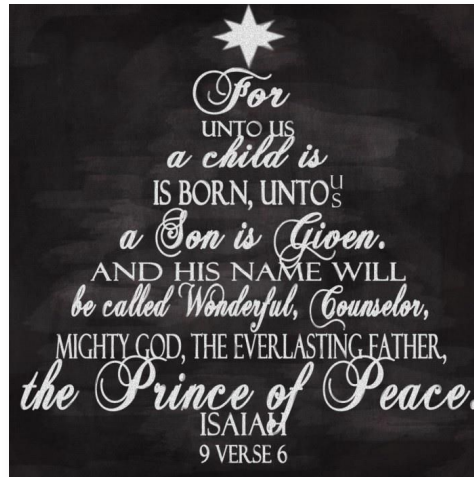
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