

Advent 2019 – Week #2

“Awkward!”




The **f** **a** **m** **i** **l** **y** Tree of Jesus

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The Genealogy of Jesus the Messiah

“This is the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah the son of David, the son of Abraham:

Matthew




*Abraham was the father of Isaac
Isaac the father of Jacob
Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers
Judah the father of Perez and Zerah, whose mother was Tamar*

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Matthew



*Perez was the father of Hezron
Hezron the father of Ram
Ram the father of Amminadab
Amminadab the father of Nahshon
Nashon the father of Salmon
Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab*

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Important Theological Note:

God reserves the right to skip the heirs (first born) He doesn't like.

*Isaac not ~~E~~sau
Judah not ~~R~~eben
David not ~~E~~yab*

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Last Week's Culture and History Lesson:

“levirate marriage”


Deuteronomy 25:5-6

⁵ If brothers are living together and one of them dies without a son, his widow must not marry outside the family. Her husband's brother shall take her and marry her and fulfill the duty of a brother-in-law to her. ⁶ The first son she bears shall carry on the name of the dead brother so that his name will not be blotted out from Israel.

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This Week's Culture and History Lesson:

“The Canaanites”



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*This Week's Culture and
History Lesson:
"Jericho"
Civilized since 7000 B.C*

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*This Week's Culture and
History Lesson:
"Jericho"
Strategically located*



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*This Week's Culture and
History Lesson:
"Jericho"
First in line for invasion*



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*What is God's Opinion of the
Canaanites?
Genesis 15:13-16*

Then the LORD said to him, "Know for certain that your descendants will be strangers in a country not their own, and they will be enslaved and mistreated four hundred years. But I will punish the nation they serve as slaves, and afterward they will come out with great possessions. You, however, will go to your fathers in peace and be buried at a good old age. In the fourth generation your descendants will come back here, for the sin of the Amorites has not yet reached its full measure."

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*What is God's Opinion of the
Canaanites?
Genesis 15:18-21*

On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram and said, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the Euphrates—the land of the Kenites, Kenizzites, Kadmonites, Hittites, Perizzites, Rephaites, Amorites, Canaanites, Girgashites and Jebusites."

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*What is God's Opinion of the
Canaanites?
Deuteronomy 7:1-4*

When the LORD your God brings you into the land you are entering to possess and drives out before you many nations—the Hittites, Girgashites, Amorites, Canaanites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites, seven nations larger and stronger than you— and when the LORD your God has delivered them over to you and you have defeated them, then you must destroy them totally. Make no treaty with them, and show them no mercy. Do not intermarry with them. Do not give your daughters to their sons or take their daughters for your sons, for they will turn your sons away from following me to serve other gods, and the LORD'S anger will burn against you and will quickly destroy you.

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What is God's Opinion of the Canaanites?

Leviticus 20:22-23

Keep all my decrees and laws and follow them, so that the land where I am bringing you to live may not vomit you out.

You must not live according to the customs of the nations I am going to drive out before you. Because they did all these things, I abhorred them.

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What is God's Opinion of the Canaanites?

Deuteronomy 18:9-12

When you enter the land the LORD your God is giving you, do not learn to imitate the detestable ways of the nations there.

Let no one be found among you who sacrifices his son or daughter in the fire, who practices divination or sorcery, interprets omens, engages in witchcraft, or casts spells, or who is a medium or spiritist or who consults the dead. Anyone who does these things is detestable to the LORD, and because of these detestable practices the LORD your God will drive out those nations before you.

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What is God's Opinion of the Canaanites?

Leviticus 18:24-27

Do not defile yourselves in any of these ways, because this is how the nations that I am going to drive out before you became defiled. Even the land was defiled; so I punished it for its sin, and the land vomited out its inhabitants. But you must keep my decrees and my laws. The native-born and the aliens living among you must not do any of these detestable things, for all these things were done by the people who lived in the land before you, and the land became defiled.

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What is God's Opinion of the Canaanites?

In Summary:

Sinful
Rejected
Abhorrent
Detestable
Defiled

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The Genealogy of Jesus the Messiah So what is the deal with Rahab?

Then Joshua son of Nun secretly sent two spies from Shittim. "Go, look over the land," he said, "especially Jericho."

So they went and entered the house of a prostitute named Rahab and stayed there. The king of Jericho was told, "Look! Some of the Israelites have come here tonight to spy out the land."

So the king of Jericho sent this message to Rahab: "Bring out the men who came to you and entered your house, because they have come to spy out the whole land."

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But the woman had taken the two men and hidden them. She said, "Yes, the men came to me, but I did not know where they had come from. At dusk, when it was time to close the city gate, the men left. I don't know which way they went. Go after them quickly. You may catch up with them."

(But she had taken them up to the roof and hidden them under the stalks of flax she had laid out on the roof.)

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Rahab?

Before the spies lay down for the night, she went up on the roof and said to them, "I know that the LORD has given this land to you and that a great fear of you has fallen on us, so that all who live in this country are melting in fear because of you. We have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red Sea for you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to Sihon and Og, the two kings of the Amorites east of the Jordan, whom you completely destroyed."

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Rahab?

When we heard of it, our hearts melted and everyone's courage failed because of you, for the LORD your God is God in heaven above and on the earth below. Now then, please swear to me by the LORD that you will show kindness to my family, because I have shown kindness to you. Give me a sure sign that you will spare the lives of my father and mother, my brothers and sisters, and all who belong to them, and that you will save us from death."

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Rahab is:

A woman alone in a patriarchal society

Morally Suspect

On the bottom of the social totem pole

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was on the side of Tamar

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This week the Law of God is
not on the side of our heroine

"You must destroy them totally. Make no treaty with them, and show them no mercy. Do not intermarry with them. Do not give your daughters to their sons or take their daughters for your sons."

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Nevertheless:

Rahab is:

Spiritually Perceptive

She makes a choice

She asks for mercy

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Have you ever felt:

Sinful and Rejected?

Condemned to death?

Defiled before a Holy God?

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Rahab ended up:

*Married, included in Israel,
acceptable to be used by God.*

Ancestress to David, and Christ.

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*By faith the prostitute Rahab,
because she welcomed the spies,
was not killed with those who
were disobedient.*

Hebrews 11:31

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*The LORD is exalted over all the nations,
his glory above the heavens.
Who is like the LORD our God, the One
who sits enthroned on high, who stoops
down to look on the heavens and the earth?
He raises the poor from the dust and lifts
the needy from the ash heap; he seats them
with princes, with the princes of their
people. Psalm 113:5-8*

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*Jesus came FOR sinners!
Jesus came FROM sinners!*



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The Genealogy of Jesus the Messiah

*God's grace!
God's faithfulness to all mankind!
God's ability to tell a story!
God's love!*

*"For the Son of Man has come to save
that which was lost."
Matthew 18:11*



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