

Advent 2019 - Week #3

"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
Aminadab the father of Nahshon
Nashon the father of Salmon
Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab*

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Matthew



*Boaz the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth
Obed the father of Jesse and Jesse the father of King David
David was the father of Solomon whose mother had been Uriah's wife (i.e. Bathsheba)*

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Who was Ruth?

- Moabite from Moab (modern day Jordan)
- "Ruth the Moabite" - repeated phrase
- An Immigrant; foreigner in the land of Judah (Bethlehem)
- One of only two women with a Bible book named after her.

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Week 1 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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*Week 2 Culture and History Lesson:
"The Canaanites"*



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*This Week's Culture and History Lesson:
"The Moabites"*



Moabite sarcophagus in Jordan
Archaeological Museum in Amman

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"The Moabites"



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The Louvre "The Moabites"



The Mesha Stele, aka "Moabite Stone"
c. 800 BC (Iron Age)
Discovered in 1868 at Dhiban Jordan

Supports account in 2 Kings 3

First Mention of "Yahweh" outside of the O.T.

Credits victory to "Chemosh", the chief Moabite deity.

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"The Moabites"

Chemosh

The destroyer, subduer, or fish-god;

Introduced at Jerusalem by Solomon (1 Kings 11:7).

Abolished by King Josiah (2 Kings 23:13)

Worship included human sacrifices.

Described by O.T. as "Vile" and "Detestable".



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What was the origin of the Moabites? (Hint: It's Awkward)

Genesis 19:30-37

*Lot and his two daughters left Zoar and settled in the mountains, for he was afraid to stay in Zoar. He and his two daughters lived in a cave.
31 One day the older daughter said to the younger, "Our father is old, and there is no man around here to give us children—as is the custom all over the earth."*

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*Origin of Moabites
Genesis 19:30-37*

32 Let's get our father to drink wine and then sleep with him and preserve our family line through our father." 33 That night they got their father to drink wine, and the older daughter went in and slept with him. He was not aware of it when she lay down or when she got up. 34 The next day the older daughter said to the younger, "Last night I slept with my father. Let's get him to drink wine again tonight, and you go in and sleep with him so we can preserve our family line through our father."

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*Origin of Moabites
Genesis 19:30-37*

35 So they got their father to drink wine that night also, and the younger daughter went in and slept with him. Again he was not aware of it when she lay down or when she got up. 36 So both of Lot's daughters became pregnant by their father. 37 The older daughter had a son, and she named him Moab; he is the father of the Moabites of today.

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Ruth the Moabite Immigrant

Ruth 1:22

So Naomi returned from Moab accompanied by Ruth the Moabite, her daughter-in-law, arriving in Bethlehem as the barley harvest was beginning.

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Ruth the Moabite Immigrant

Who does she meet?

Ruth 2:1

Ruth 2:1 NIV Now Naomi had a relative on her husband's side, a man of standing from the clan of Elimelek, whose name was Boaz.

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Ruth the Moabite Immigrant

SPOILER ALERT!

*Boaz the Jew
marries
Ruth the Moabite!!*

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*What did God say about His
people relating to foreigners?*

Ezekiel 44:9

This is what the Sovereign LORD says: No foreigner uncircumcised in heart and flesh is to enter my sanctuary, not even the foreigners who live among the Israelites.

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What did God say about His people relating to foreigners?

Ezra 10:10-11

Then Ezra the priest stood up and said to them, "You have been unfaithful; you have married foreign women, adding to Israel's guilt. 11 Now honor the LORD, the God of your ancestors, and do his will. Separate yourselves from the peoples around you and from your foreign wives."

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What did God say about His people relating to foreigners?

Exodus 34:15-16

Be careful not to make a treaty with those who live in the land; for when they prostitute themselves to their gods and sacrifice to them, they will invite you and you will eat their sacrifices. 16 And when you choose some of their daughters as wives for your sons and those daughters prostitute themselves to their gods, they will lead your sons to do the same.

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What was different about Ruth?

Ruth 2:8-12

So Boaz said to Ruth, "My daughter, listen to me. Don't go and glean in another field and don't go away from here. Stay here with the women who work for me. 9 Watch the field where the men are harvesting, and follow along after the women. I have told the men not to lay a hand on you. And whenever you are thirsty, go and get a drink from the water jars the men have filled."

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What was different about Ruth?

Ruth 2:8-12

10 At this, she bowed down with her face to the ground. She asked him, "Why have I found such favor in your eyes that you notice me—a foreigner?"

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What was different about Ruth?

Ruth 2:8-12

11 Boaz replied, "I've been told all about what you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband—how you left your father and mother and your homeland and came to live with a people you did not know before. 12 May the LORD repay you for what you have done. May you be richly rewarded by the LORD, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge."

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What was different about Ruth?

Ruth 1:16

But Ruth replied [to Naomi], "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God."

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*What was different about Ruth?
Contrast with Orpah
Ruth 1:14*

Then Orpah kissed her mother-in-law goodbye, but Ruth clung to her.

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*Why was Boaz kind to Ruth?
Reason #1: He knew God's Word*

Leviticus 19:33-34

"When a foreigner resides among you in your land, do not mistreat them. The foreigner residing among you must be treated as your native-born. Love them as yourself, for you were foreigners in Egypt. I am the LORD your God."

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*Why was Boaz kind to Ruth?
Reason #1: He knew God's Word
Leviticus 19:9-10*

'When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. 10 Do not go over your vineyard a second time or pick up the grapes that have fallen. Leave them for the poor and the foreigner. I am the LORD your God.

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*Why was Boaz kind to Ruth?
Reason #2: His Mother was a
Foreigner Shown Kindness.*

Matthew 1:5

*... Salmon the father of Boaz,
whose mother was Rahab*

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*What does it mean to be an
Immigrant?*

Immigration is the international movement of people to a destination country of which they are not natives or where they do not possess citizenship in order to settle or reside there, especially as permanent residents or naturalized citizens.

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*What does it mean to be an
Immigrant?*



San Francisco, December 2001
Modern complexities to go along with the
ancient ones!

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What does it mean to be a Refugee?

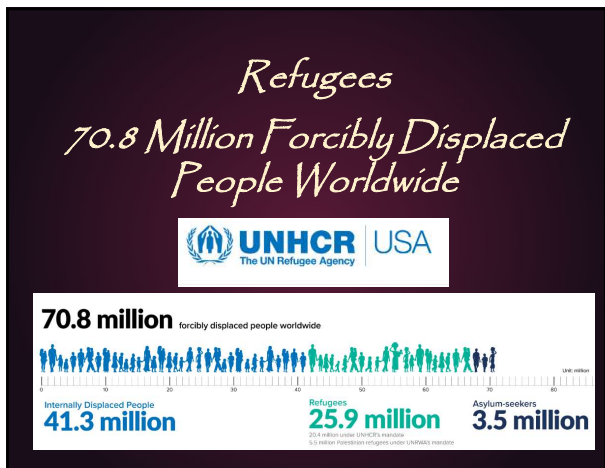
A refugee is a person who has been forced to leave their country in order to escape war, persecution, or natural disaster.
(Example: Naomi)

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*Refugees:
All Too Common in History*

Great Famine (Ireland) 1845-1849 - 1.0 million
Yugoslav Wars 1991-2001 - 2.4 million
World War II (Europe) 1939-45 - > 11 million
Partition of India 1947 - 14.0 million

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Refugees

Internally Displaced People

Internally Displaced People
41.3 million

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Refugees

Refugees
25.9 million
20.4 million under UNHCR's mandate
5.5 million Palestinian refugees under UNRWA's mandate

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Refugees

Asylum-seekers

Asylum-seekers
3.5 million

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*Refugees:
All Too Common in History*

*Joseph, Mary and Jesus
were refugees in Egypt!*

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Fact:

*We all descend from
immigrants!
(Or we are one).*

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More Important Fact:

*We all were "aliens" with
respect to God's
kingdom, and like Ruth,
need to take refuge under
His wings!*

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*So then you are no
longer strangers and
aliens, but you are fellow
citizens with the saints
and members of the
household of God.
Ephesians 2:19*

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*The Genealogy of Jesus the Messiah
Ruth ended up:*

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

Ancestress to David, and Christ.

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*The Genealogy of Jesus the Messiah
Ruth 4:13-17*

*So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife.
When he made love to her, the LORD
enabled her to conceive, and she gave birth to
a son. 14 The women said to Naomi: "Praise
be to the LORD, who this day has not left
you without a kinsman-redeemer. May he
become famous throughout Israel! 15 He will
renew your life and sustain you in your old age.*

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The Genealogy of Jesus the Messiah
Ruth 4:13-17

For your daughter-in-law, who loves you and who is better to you than seven sons, has given him birth." 16 Then Naomi took the child in her arms and cared for him. 17 The women living there said, "Naomi has a son!" And they named him Obed. He was the father of Jesse, the father of David.

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The Genealogy of Jesus the Messiah

*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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The Genealogy of Jesus the Messiah

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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