

## **Women of Jesus' Family Tree** **Matt.1:1-6; Mark 6:1-6**

### 0.0 Introduction

- 0.1 On tracing your family tree – from the predictable, to the surprises
- 0.2 Why trace your tree? See also complementary trees – Matt.1 and Luke 3:23-38
- 0.3 Some threads of Jesus' tree are smooth, others are complicated

### 1.0 Women in Jesus' Lineage

- 1.1 Eve – mother/ancestor of all (Gen.4; Lk.3:38)
- 1.2 Tamar (Matt.1:3), consort of Judah (Gen.38)
- 1.3 Rahab (Jos.2,6) – prostitute of Jericho → wife of Salmon → parents of Boaz
- 1.4 Ruth (Matt.1:5) – Moabite daughter-in-law to Naomi → later, wife of Boaz (Ruth)
- 1.5 Bathsheba (Matt.1:6) – widow of Uriah the Hittite → David's 8 wives
- 1.6 Mary his mother (Lk.1:35, etc.) – marries into line of David via Joseph (Matt.1:6,16)
- 1.7 Elizabeth, aunt (?) of Mary, & mother of John the Baptist (Lk.1:36)
- 1.8 Salome (relative? – Mk.15:40; 16:1)
- 1.9 Two (or more) unnamed sisters (Mk.6:2-3)

### 2.0 What These Women Meant?

- 2.1 Eve, Mary, Elizabeth & Jesus' (step-?) sisters: establish his true humanity (note Jn.8:41)
- 2.2 Bathsheba helps connect Jesus to God's covenant with David (II Sam.7)
- 2.3 Rahab & Ruth – outliers & troubled people are especially welcomed!

### 3.0 The Importance of These Women for Us Today

- 3.1 Jesus was one person with two natures (Tertullian)
- 3.2 Humanly, Jesus was related to marginalized outsiders (who often are 'expendable')
  - God loves to use "stone which builders rejected" (I Pet.2:7)
  - no one has to prove themselves by honorable lineage (or anything else) – nor can they
- 3.3 The larger picture...

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***August 14 – Elder Brian Barsottini, Preaching***  
***August 21 – Dr. Robert Frazier, Guest Preaching***  
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