

HUMANS OF CHRISTMAS

Everyone has a story. Everyone has a name.

We believe:

God created us with the capacity to know him and He knows each of us by name.

He gives the free gift of eternal life to all who believe in him.

He is the main character in our life story and the human story.







Tamar

Rahab

Ruth

Bathsheba

Mary



The big idea:

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An opportunity **for change** is being made available.



The men in the lineage of Jesus
demonstrate His **qualification** as king.



The women demonstrate the
essence of His kingship and kingdom.





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Judah recognized them and said, "She is more righteous than I, since I wouldn't give her to my son." And he did not sleep with her again. Gen 38:26



Rahab:



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*"for the Lord your God, He **is God** of heaven above and earth below"*

Joshua 2:11



Ruth:



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"Your people will be my people and your God my God."

Ruth 1:17



Bathsheba:



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*"She gave birth to a son, and they named him Solomon.
The LORD loved him..."*

2 Samuel 12:24



Mary:



Mary:

“I am the Lord’s servant,”
Mary answered. “May
your word to me be
fulfilled.”

Luke 1:38



The Big idea:

How is God capable of bringing hope and redemption out of any situation?



And is God capable of bringing hope and redemption out of **YOUR** situation?



His kingdom is good news for both men
and women.



*“He created them both male and female in his own image, and male and female he created **them.**”*

Gen. 1:27



Genesis ripples with the creative diversity that completes each other. God and creation, light and darkness, earth and sky, sun and moon. Land and sea, humans and animals, and at the pinnacle of creation, His masterpiece is male and female. Creation is not uniform but a beautiful display of differences interacting with each other for the sake of displaying that which by themselves they could never do.

Preston Sprinkle







*God is our refuge and strength, always
ready to help in times of trouble.* Ps. 46:1



His kingdom is good news for both
Jew and Gentile.



“Therefore go and make disciples of **all nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...”

Matt. 28:19



“I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from **every nation**, from **all tribes** and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb...”

Rev. 7:9



So it is written: "The first man Adam became a living being"; the last Adam, a life-giving spirit.

1 Cor. 15:45





I AM WHO
GOD

SAYS I AM

SEEN HIS CHILD
CHOSEN FREE **REDEEMED** **LOVED** ALIVE DESTINED **HEARD** **KNOW**
OVERCOMER **CREATED** HIS TREASURED POSSESSION
NEVER ALONE **GIFTED** **FORGIVEN**
SAVED BLESSED **HEAVEN** **FOUND** **SEALED** CARED FOR LIGHT ON A HILL WISE
PURPOSED NEW **SET APART** LESS
ACCEPTED SOUGHT AFTER
STRONG
JOINT-HEIR ADOPTED
EQUIPPED RIGHTEOUS
SALT OF THE EARTH
WONDERFULLY MADE
SAFE **RESTORED**



His kingdom is filled with both
saints and sinners.



*“Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by
the will of God, To the **saints** in
Ephesus, the faithful in Christ Jesus...”*

Eph. 1:1



*"For by one sacrifice he has made
perfect forever those who are being
made holy."*

Hebrews 10:14



God's purposes for your life can't be canceled out by the skeletons of your past.



“I will provide for those who grieve in Zion — to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the LORD for the display of his splendor.”

Isa. 61:3



A life connected to Jesus changes everything.



“Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband’s will, but born of God.”

John 1: 12-13



How are we to respond?



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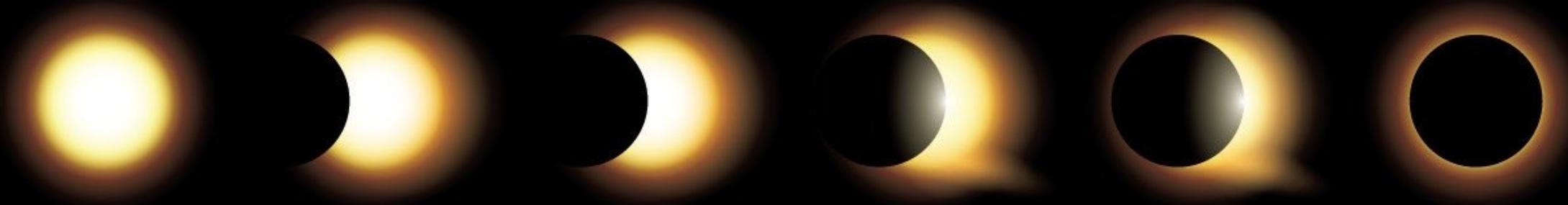
“To deeply contemplate”



Matthew's view of the gospel is one where behavior change comes from deep consideration of Jesus' kingdom. This kind of change comes not through weak will power but genuine conversion of both heart and mind.







Is there anything that is blocking the light of God's kingdom in your life?



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