

# BELTWAY PARK

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## Christmas Through The Eyes Of...

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*Text: Genesis 38 (p.39)*

Ancient Jewish genealogies were \_\_\_\_\_ – only mentioning the fathers. But Matthew includes not one, but actually \_\_\_\_\_ women in the lineage history of the Promised One.

And he chose (by the absolute leading of God) ladies we wouldn't have chosen. Of the five mothers listed in the genealogy, three are \_\_\_\_\_ among us because "decent people" don't talk about such things.

**We don't always get what we \_\_\_\_\_ in life.**

The holiday season has this way of highlighting, even exasperating, the realities of life, both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

Christmas says God \_\_\_\_\_. He doesn't shield Himself from the good, bad, and ugly of this world. In fact, it is why we have Christmas.

**God sent Jesus to give \_\_\_\_\_ in our \_\_\_\_\_ world.**

Even before Adam and Eve rebelled against the Father, God had a \_\_\_\_\_ to make things right, to make things just, to make things fair. And Christmas is the beginning of the fulfillment of that plan. (*Lk. 4:18-19*)

Christmas reminds us that true life – the life our heart aches for – will not be found here but ultimately in the kingdom Jesus will bring when He \_\_\_\_\_ the second time. (*Rev. 21:1-8*)



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**Christmas is not for the “\_\_\_\_\_” but the \_\_\_\_\_.**

God took a Canaanite woman who was willing to be seen as a prostitute used in worship to an idol, who used deception, trickery, and immorality to get a piece of what she deserved, and He made her a \_\_\_\_\_ of the Christ child.

In fact, she – not Sarah the wife of Abraham (who had tremendous esteem among 1st century Jews), not Rebekah the wife of Isaac – Tamar is the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus mentioned in this introduction of Jesus to the world.

What is it in your life that you have been saying is too big for God? If we look at Christmas through Tamar’s eyes, nothing is \_\_\_\_\_.

He can redeem us from our pasts and use our lives for \_\_\_\_\_.

He can \_\_\_\_\_ the wounds that come to all of us from living in this dark, fallen world.

He can \_\_\_\_\_ us into His wonderful family even if we are an “outsider.”

In a world which is sinful and fallen - where we often experience the unfair pain, in a world where we do not get what we \_\_\_\_\_ - Christmas says we don’t get what we \_\_\_\_\_.

No matter how unfair the world is, and no matter what we have experienced, a \_\_\_\_\_ of the holiness and perfection of God tells us that any relationship with Him is far grander and greater than we can ever earn or deserve!

