



The Scandal of the Christmas Tree

Matthew 1

1) The “bad” guys in Jesus’ family tree:

- Rehoboam (v7) - instituted _____ in Israel
- Jehoram (v8) - did _____ in the eyes of the Lord
- Ahaz (v9) - sacrificed his _____ on the altar of Molech
- Manasseh (v10) - practiced _____ and led Israel into child sacrifice
- Amon (v10) - instituted _____ worship on a national scale

2) The “good” guys in Jesus’ family tree:

- Abraham (v2) - pawned off his _____ as his sister to protect himself
- Isaac (v2) - played _____ with his own children
- Jacob (v2) - was a _____, a cheater and a swindler
- David (v6) - committed adultery and _____
- Solomon (v2) - had 700 wives, and carried Israel into _____ worship

3) The “scandalous” additions in Jesus’ family tree:

- _____ (v3) - Story of sexual infidelity
- _____ (v5a) - Canaanite prostitute
- _____ (v5b) - Moabitess (the arch enemy of Israel)
- _____ (v6) - Story of adultery and murder

→ The genealogy of Jesus shows that God loves us enough to _____ into our sin-stained mess.

→ Matthew 1:21 tells us that God loved us too much to leave us in our sin-stained mess:

“You are to give Him the name Jesus, because He will _____ His people from their sins.”

What happens to our sins when God forgives them?

- “As far as the east is from the west, so far has He _____ our sins from us.”
~ Ps 103:12
- “You have put all my sins _____ Your back.”
~ Isaiah 38:17
- “I am He who _____ out your sins, and remembers them no more.”
~ Isaiah 43:25
- “I have _____ away your offenses like a cloud, your sins like the morning mist.”
~ Isaiah 44:22
- “I will forgive their wickedness and will _____ their sins no more.”
~ Jer 31:34
- “Lord, you will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the _____ of the sea.”
~ Micah 7:19

The Christmas Story Invitation:

- 1) Confess that you are a sinner in need of a Savior
- 2) Believe the good news that Jesus came to save sinners like you
- 3) Receive Christ's forgiveness of sins

“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive our sins, and purify us from all unrighteousness.”

~ 1 John 1:9