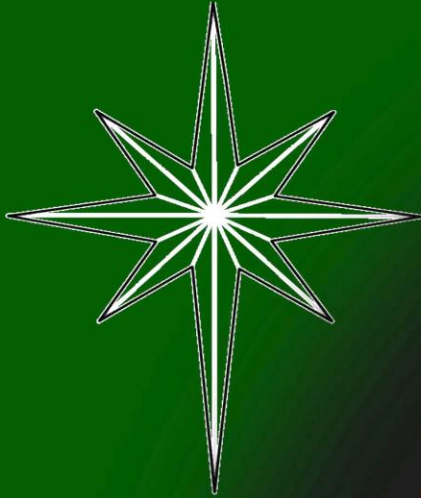


The Christmas of Five Women and One Just Man



Unto Us

Finding Us In The Christmas Story

1

Tamar

***Judah the father of Perez and Zerah,
whose mother was Tamar,
Perez the father of Hezron..***

Matthew 1:3

“Come, let me come in to you”.

Genesis 38:16

***“By the man to whom these belong,
I am with child”***

Genesis 38:25

***“She is more righteous than I,
inasmuch as I did not give her
to my son, Shelah”***

Genesis 38:26

2

Rahab

Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab, Boaz the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth, Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of King David.

Matthew 1:5-6

3

Ruth

***“Your people shall be my people,
and your God my God;
where you die I will die,
and there will I be buried”***

Ruth 1:16-17

***“I am Ruth, your maid-servant;
spread your skirt over your maidservant,
for you are next of kin.”***

Ruth 3:9

Bathsheba

***David was the father of Solomon,
whose mother had been Uriah's wife.***

Matthew 1:6

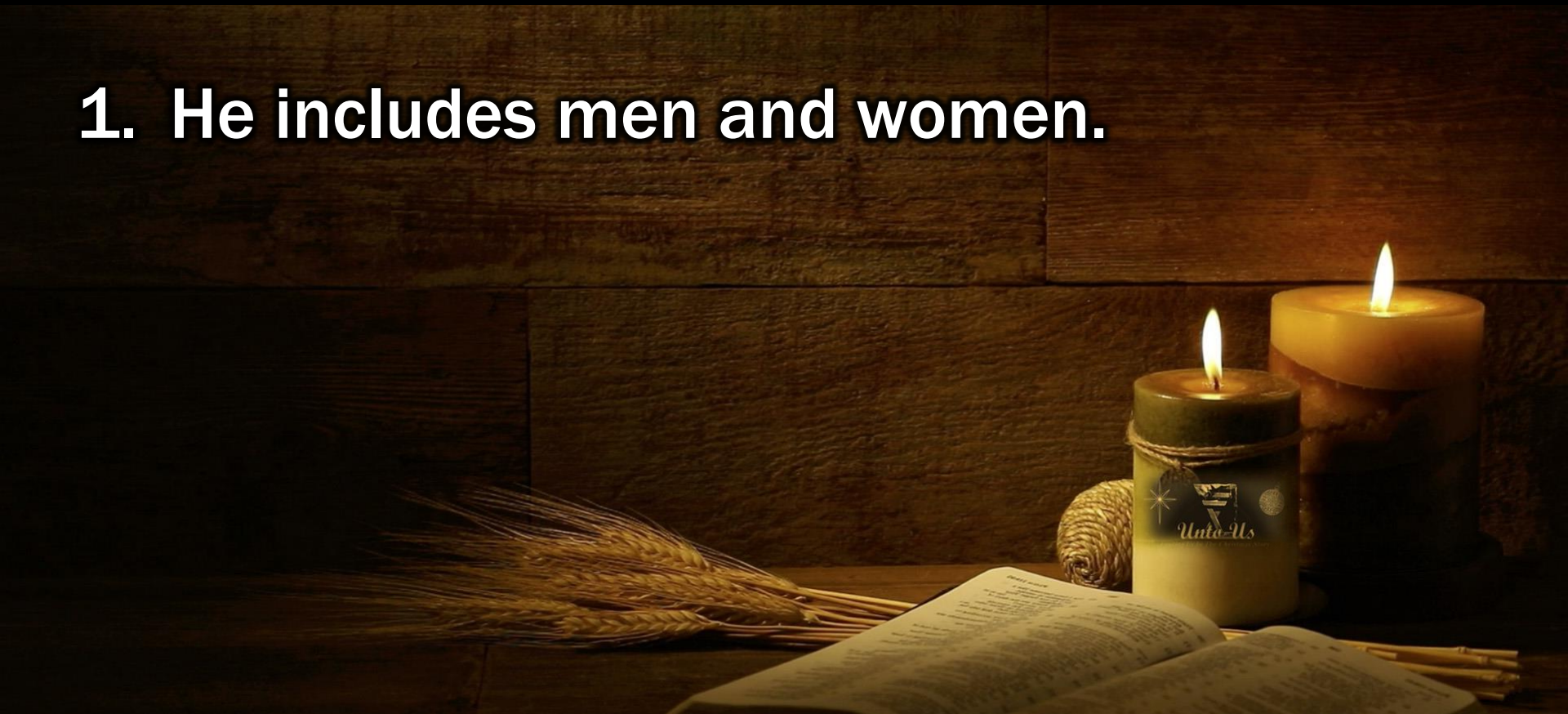
Mary

“Let it be to me according to your word”

Luke 1:38

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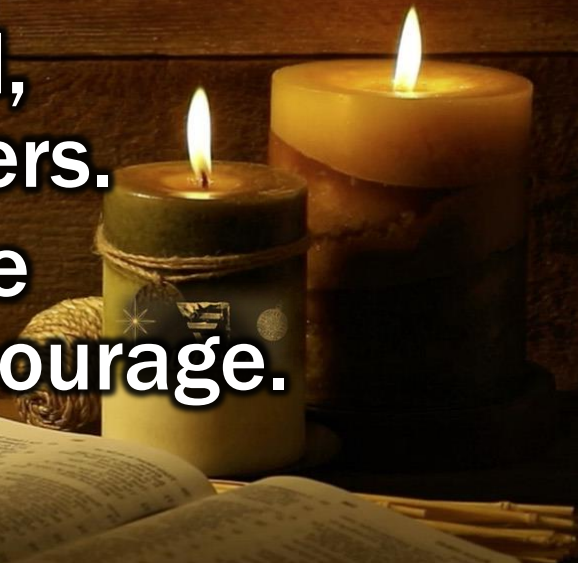


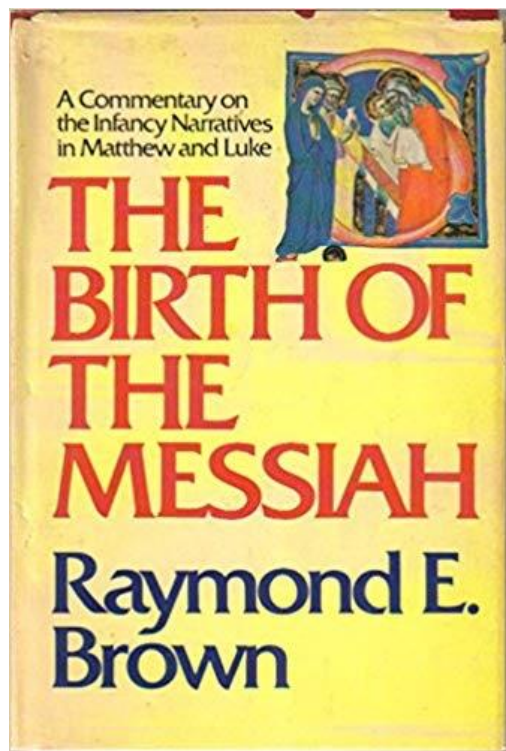
***“There is neither Jew nor Gentile,
neither slave nor free, nor is there male and
female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.”***

Galatians 3:28

Why then does Matthew list the above four women in Jesus' ancestry?

1. He includes men and women.
2. He includes Jews and Gentiles.
3. Among the women selected, he includes saints and sinners.
4. All four women demonstrate intelligence, boldness and courage.





“The women showed initiative or played an important role in God’s plan and so came to be considered the instrument of God’s providence and of His Holy Spirit.”

Raymond E. Brown, *The Birth of the Messiah*
(London: Geoffrey Chapman, 1977), p. 72, n. 24



Joseph



“Now the birth of Jesus took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child of the Holy Spirit; and her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly.”

Matthew 1:18-19

***“A bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.”***

Isaiah 42:3