I THANK HIM WHO HAS GIVEN ME STRENGTH, CHRIST JESUS OUR LORD, BECAUSE HE JUDGED ME FAITHFUL, APPOINTING ME TO HIS SERVICE, THOUGH FORMERLY I WAS A BLASPHEMER, PERSECUTOR, AND INSOLENT OPPONENT. BUT I RECEIVED MERCY BECAUSE I HAD ACTED IGNORANTLY IN UNBELIEF, AND THE GRACE OF

#### 1 TIMOTHY 1:12-16

OUR LORD OVERFLOWED FOR ME WITH THE FAITH AND LOVE THAT ARE IN CHRIST JESUS. THE SAYING IS TRUSTWORTHY AND DESERVING OF FULL ACCEPTANCE, THAT CHRIST JESUS CAME INTO THE WORLD TO SAVE SINNERS, OF WHOM I AM THE FOREMOST. BUT I RECEIVED MERCY FOR THIS REASON, THAT IN ME, AS THE FOREMOST, JESUS

#### 1 TIMOTHY 1:12-16

CHRIST MIGHT DISPLAY HIS PERFECT PATIENCE AS AN EXAMPLE TO THOSE WHO WERE TO BELIEVE IN HIM FOR ETERNAL LIFE.

#### 1 TIMOTHY 1:12-16

## NOT WHAT YOU'D EXPECT

THE UNLIKELY CHARACTERS OF CHRISTMAS





### MATHEW

(PAGE 471 IN OUR BIBLES)



FOR MANY CULTURES ANCIENT AND MODERN, AND CERTAINLY IN THE JEWISH WORLD OF MATTHEW'S DAY, THIS GENEALOGY WAS THE EQUIVALENT OF A ROLL OF DRUMS, A FANFARE OF TRUMPETS, AND A TOWN CRIER CALLING FOR ATTENTION. LIKE A GREAT PROCESSION COMING DOWN A CITY STREET, WE WATCH THE FIGURES AT THE FRONT, AND THE ONES IN THE MIDDLE, BUT

#### N.T. WRIGHT



ALL EYES ARE WAITING FOR THE ONE WHO COMES IN THE POSITION OF GREATEST HONOR, RIGHT AT THE END.









• TAMAR (V. 3)



- TAMAR (V. 3)
- RAHAB (V. 5)



- TAMAR (V. 3)
- RAHAB (V. 5)
- RUTH (V. 5)



- TAMAR (V. 3)
- RAHAB (V. 5)
- RUTH (V. 5)
- "THE WIFE OF URIAH" (V. 6)



- TAMAR (V. 3)
- RAHAB (V. 5)
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- "THE WIFE OF URIAH" (V. 6)
- MARY (V. 16)





## JESUS INCLUDES THE FLAWED.



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# DOES OUR FAMILY LOOK LIKE JESUS' FAMILY?



