

“FINDING A LASTING (HIS) STORY” Series

Message #1 of 5

“TAMAR’S DESPERATION”

Thank God that God is not limited by our sin, and can use our errant, sinful, rebellious, stupid, and devious acts to accomplish his purposes and plan for history.

Genesis 38 & Isaiah 11:1-10

January 7, 2018 / Communion Sunday

“A record of the genealogy of Jesus Christ ... **Judah** the father of **Perez**, whose mother was **Tamar** ... and **Perez** ... was the father of **Jesse**, the father of **King David** ... who was the father of **Joseph**, the husband of **Mary**, of whom was born **Jesus**, who is called **Christ**.” – Matthew 1:3, 6, 16

“A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit ... (and) the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his place of rest will be glorious.” – Isaiah 11:1, 10

“I have been reminded of your sincere faith (**Timothy**), which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also.” – 2nd Timothy 1:5

1. HOPE ... & A LASTING (HIS)-STORY

- “Judah married ... and she became pregnant.” – v.2-5
- “Judah got a wife for ... his firstborn and her name was Tamar.” – v.6

2. SIN ... & KILLING A (HIS)-STORY

- “But Er, Judah’s firstborn, was wicked in the Lord’s sight; so the Lord put him to death.” – v.7

- “And Onan, the second son was wicked in the Lord’s sight; so God put him to death also.” – v.10
- And Judah “wouldn’t give his third son, Shelah to Tamar.” – v.26
- “Live as a widow in your father’s house.” – v.11

3. TREACHERY ... & ENDANGERING A (HIS)-STORY

- “Judah left his brothers ... and married a Canaanite woman.” – v.1-2
- “Tamar covered herself with a veil to disguise herself ... as a prostitute.” – v.14
- “Judah saw ... a prostitute ... and said, ‘Come now, let me sleep with you.’” – v.15-16

4. RIGHTEOUSNESS ... & CONTINUING A (HIS)-STORY

- “Tamar disguise(d) herself ... (because) Judah had not given his third son Shelah to her as her husband.” – v.14
- “Judah said, ‘Tamar is more righteous than I, since I wouldn’t give her to my son Shelah.’” – v.26

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“See, the Lion of the tribe of **Judah**, the Root of **David**, has triumphed.” – Revelation 5:5