

**“Mercy Came a Runnin’ (1): When Mercy Grew on Trees”**

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**The Family Tree of \_\_\_\_\_  
Matthew \_\_\_\_:\_\_\_\_\_**

- Surprise Entry #1—\_\_\_\_\_—mercy for the \_\_\_\_\_ (Genesis 38).
- Surprise Entry #2—\_\_\_\_\_—mercy for the \_\_\_\_\_ (Joshua 2/Hebrews 11:31).
- Surprise Entry #3—\_\_\_\_\_—mercy for the \_\_\_\_\_ (Ruth 1-4).
- Surprise Entries #4 and #5—the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ the Hittite—mercy for the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ (II Samuel 11, 12).
- Surprise Entry #6—\_\_\_\_\_—mercy for the \_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 1).
- ◆ Gail Godwin: “Matthew’s genealogy is showing us how the story of Jesus Christ contained—and would continue to contain—the flawed and inflicted and insulted, the cunning and the weak-willed and the misunderstood. His is an equal opportunity ministry for crooks and saints.” (*Watch for the Light* 165, 166)
- ◆ Which is why there are in fact *two family trees* in Matthew.
  - One with which he \_\_\_\_\_ his gospel.
  - The other with which he \_\_\_\_\_ his book.
  - The first tree is woven with \_\_\_\_\_ .
  - The second one is stained with \_\_\_\_\_ .
  - The opening tree is intended for the \_\_\_\_\_ .
  - The last tree is proffered to \_\_\_\_\_ .
  - \_\_\_\_\_ could grow on the first tree, because \_\_\_\_\_ came running at the second tree.
  - And no sooner does Matthew sketch the \_\_\_\_\_ (1:1-17) than quickly does he promise the \_\_\_\_\_ (1:21).
- ◆ Matthew 1:21.
- Surprise Entry #7—\_\_\_\_\_—mercy for the \_\_\_\_\_ .
- ◆ The story of “the baddest of the bad” (II Chronicles 33:1-13)
- ◆ “Through the goodness and mercy of Christ the sinner is to be restored to the divine favor. God in Christ is daily beseeching men to be reconciled to God. With outstretched arms He is ready to receive and welcome not only

the sinner but the prodigal. His dying love, manifested on Calvary, is the sinner's assurance of acceptance, peace, and love. Teach these things in the simplest form, that the sin-darkened soul may see the light shining from the cross of Calvary." (1SM 178, 179)

*Step  
into Mercy's  
outstretched arms!*

Jesus, left blank - answer will be at the end, left blank - answer will be at the end, 1, 1-17,  
Tamar, unloved, Rahab, pagan, Ruth, excluded, wife, Uriah, fallen, faithful, Mary, obedient,  
opens, closes, "begots", blood, Jews, all, Mercy, Mercy, first, second, me, sinner, answer for the  
first blank space - and, answer for the second blank space - Me