

16. Why is the book of Ruth included in the Bible?

Reflection Questions: In the story of Ruth, and in my life, do things just happen by luck or coincidence? Why or why not? What does this teach me?

Naomi, as she holds a baby who turns out to be the grandfather of King David, is caught up in a bigger story, the story of God's redemption of the world. How does it influence you to know that you're caught up in a story too and that you too have a part to play in it?

How can we pray for one another and our church this week?

Quotes to Ponder

The Book of Ruth is the loveliest little idyll that tradition has transmitted to us.

Goethe

Can you see why I said that the lesson of the book of Ruth is that the life of the godly is not a straight line to glory? Life is one curve after another. And we never know what's coming. But the point of the story is that the best is yet to come. No matter where you are, if you love God, the best is yet to come.

Ruth was written to help us see the signposts of the grace of God in our lives, and to help us trust His grace even when the clouds are so thick that we can't see the road let alone the signs on the road.

John Piper

No matter what's going on in your life, God is doing 10,000 things for His glory and for your good, even when He appears to be absent, even when He appears not to be listening.

Timothy Keller

Christ is a kinsman-redeemer like Boaz, and yet He is far greater. For Jesus saved not only one ancestral line but the entire family of God, and He gave up His life for our sake (1 John 2:2).

R.C. Sproul

The book of Ruth is first and foremost about the covenant faithfulness of the LORD to ensure the arrival of our Redeemer, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Mark Nussbaum



In the Line of the King: Matthew 1:5; Ruth 1-4

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Sermon
Notes

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1. What in the text/sermon impacted you most? Encouraged you? Convinced you? Challenged you? Confused you?

2. Read *Ruth* in its entirety. When did this take place (*Ruth 1:1*)? What was the prevailing philosophy of this period of time (*Judges 21:25*)?

3. How many miracles or supernatural events take place in the book of Ruth?

4. How do you explain God's providence in regard to fate, accidents, and happenstances? Can you back up your view from Scripture?

5. What nationality is Ruth (*Ruth 1:5*)?

6. What does the Bible say about people from Moab?
Genesis 19:30-38 — *Ezra 9:10-12* —

Deuteronomy 23:3 —

In view of this, why does Boaz marry Ruth and why is Ruth included in the genealogy of Jesus (*Matthew 1:5*)?

7. What does Ruth promise Naomi in *Ruth 1:16-17*?

8. Boaz describes Ruth as *a woman of excellence* (*Ruth 3:11*). Compare

Ruth with the *excellent wife* of *Proverbs 31*. What common characteristics do they share?

9. What is a *kinsman redeemer* (*Leviticus 25:23-28; Deuteronomy 25:5-10*)?

10. Who is our *Kinsman Redeemer* (*Hebrews 2:14-15; 1 Peter 1:18-19*)?

11. How does Jesus qualify to be our *Kinsman Redeemer*?

12. How many times do words dealing with redemption (redeem, buy, purchase, etc.) occur in *Ruth 4*? Why?

13. What does Jesus' redemption of us bring to us?
Romans 3:24 — *Ephesians 1:7; Colossians 1:14* —

Galatians 4:4-5 — *Titus 2:14* —

14. What should be our response to our redemption?
Psalms 71:23 — *Revelation 5:9* —

Psalms 103:4 —

15. Why is *Ruth 4:18-22* included in this book?