

More than a Tree

Matthew 1:21-23 / Luke 3

- I. The Family Tree of Joseph (Royalty)– Matthew 1:1-17
- II. The Family Tree of Mary (Redemption) – Luke 3
- III. The Family Tree of Jesus (Return) – 1 Peter 2:24-25
 - a. **“Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed. 25 For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.”**
 - b. It was by way of the cradle that God came to be with us, but it is by way of the cross that we can return to God
 - i. It is by the cross that the Savior will save his people from sin
 - ii. It is by the cross that the King invites subjects to His Kingdom.
 - iii. It is by the cross that man is connected to God
 - iv. It is by the CROSS that the family of God is built and connected
 - v. It is by the CROSS that the bride is made ready... _
 - vi. It is by the CROSS that the HOLY SPIRIT is given to His people.
 - c. The cross dictates the rest of the story!