



## Part 2: An Unlikely Candidate

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### Introduction:

- ♦ Velma's Diner
- ♦ The story of Jesus through genealogy

*For I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners."*

**Matthew 9:13b**

*This is a record of the ancestors of Jesus the Messiah, a descendant of David and of Abraham: Abraham was the father of Isaac. Isaac was the father of Jacob. Jacob was the father of Judah and his brothers. Judah was the father of Perez and Zerah (whose mother was Tamar).*

**Matthew 1:1-3a**

### Judah and his brothers...

1. \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_\_\_ son
- \_\_\_\_\_ to family, pharaoh and Egypt

*Jacob loved Joseph more than any of his other children because Joseph had been born to him in his old age. So one day Jacob had a special gift made for Joseph—a beautiful robe. But his brothers hated Joseph because their father loved him more than the rest of them. **Genesis 37:3-4***

2. \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_\_\_ brother into \_\_\_\_\_ [Genesis 37:26-27]
- Keeps a \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_
- The \_\_\_\_\_ incident [Genesis 38]

3. \_\_\_\_\_ restored

- Joseph \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ Judah
- Joseph \_\_\_\_\_ Judah
- Joseph saves \_\_\_\_\_
- God chooses \_\_\_\_\_

[Judah speaking] *"So please, my lord, let me stay here as a slave instead of the boy, and let the boy return with his brothers. For how can I return to my father if the boy is not with me? I couldn't bear to see the anguish this would cause my father!"*

**Genesis 44:33-34**

*Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come close to me." When they had done so, he said, "I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt! And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you... But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance."*

**Genesis 45:4-5, 7**

### Next Steps:

- ☐ Memorize Matthew 9:13b (series memory verse)
- ☐ Admit that I need forgiveness and a savior. My own goodness is not enough. I trust in what Jesus did for me.
- ☐ Ask God to change me and make me a part of his work on earth to spread his love and truth
- ☐ Invite a friend to Christmas Eve Service