

# "BOAZ AND JESUS - KINSMEN-REDEEMERS" SE1921

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Series: Resilience in Ruth Title: Boaz and Jesus - Kinsmen-Redeemers

Readings: Rut4:2-6; Mat27:45-51 Cited:

## 1. INTRO TO READINGS

First Reading is the much awaited but ultimately anti-climatic moment when Boaz rescues both Ruth and Naomi.

Naomi and Ruth were widows. Women weren't allowed to own property and were disconnected from their clan. Ruth was also a Moabitess. Israelite law provided two ways for land to be kept in the family and for family lines to continue.

This was a custom called "Levirate Marriage" whereby a brother or close relative would marry a widow to keep her in the family.

The second was the idea of the "Kinsman-Redeemer" who had the privilege or responsibility to act for a relative who was in trouble, danger, or need of vindication.

In this case there are two issues:

Elimelech's Land

Elimelech's Widow (and the widow of his son)

There is a kinsman-redeemer closer than Boaz and as it turns out, he is keen for the land, but when he learns that Ruth is part of the deal, he is afraid, because Ruth could have children and if she produced a male child, this child would be the heir of Elimelech. And if the man had he had no other male children, then this child, would inherit his whole estate.

The man doesn't want to take this risk.

Our second reading is from Matthew and deals with the Crucifixion.

## 2. READINGS

Ruth 4:2-6

Boaz took ten of the elders of the town and said, "Sit here," and they did so. Then he said to the kinsman-redeemer, "Naomi, who has come back from Moab, is selling the piece of land that belonged to our brother Elimelech. I thought I should bring the matter to your attention and suggest that you buy it in the presence of these seated here and in the presence of the elders of my people. If you will redeem it, do so. But if you will not, tell me, so I will know. For no one has the right to do it except you, and I am next in line."

"I will redeem it," he said.

Then Boaz said, "On the day you buy the land from Naomi and from Ruth the Moabitess, you acquire the dead man's widow, in order to maintain the name of the dead with his property."

At this, the kinsman-redeemer said, "Then I cannot redeem it because I might endanger my own estate. You redeem it yourself. I cannot do it."

Matthew 27:45-51 From the sixth hour until the ninth hour darkness came over all the land. About the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?"--which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

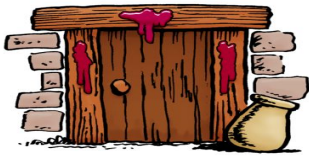
... And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom.

## 3. SERMON

### 3.1. Intro

In 2017 at Easter I looked at 3 Hebrew Words that described what Jesus did for us on Good Friday.

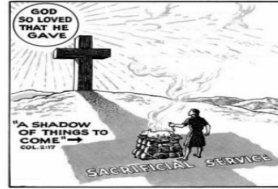
פְּדָה  
**Padah**



**"Ransomed"**

Event-payment salvation  
From Oppressive Power  
- Egypt – Sin-Brokenness  
Passover Lamb  
Jesus portrayed as King

כִּפּוּר  
**Kipper**



**"Restored"**

Ritual-sacrifice salvation  
Sin-Guilt:  
- Holy God – unholy us  
Perfect Sacrifice  
Jesus portrayed as Priest

גָּאֵל  
**Ga'al**



**"Redeemed"**

Relational-emancipation  
We are far from God  
-in history and relationship  
Incarnate Brother  
Jesus portrayed as Prophet

<b>"Padah"</b> <b>Ransomed</b>	<b>"Kippêr"</b> <b>Restored</b>	<b>"Ga'al"</b> <b>Redeemed</b>
Prisoners/Slaves. Ransom is paid. Jesus is the Lion of Judah. <b>"It is Finished!"</b> <i>Resurrection</i> means death is defeated.	Guilty. Sin is paid for. Jesus is the Lamb of God. <b>"Father forgive them..."</b> <i>Resurrection</i> means the offering was accepted.	Alienated. Jesus is utterly God-forsaken. Jesus is the Son of Man. <b>"Why have you forsaken me?"</b> <i>Resurrection</i> means that our humanity is taken into Trinity.

**3.2.**

**3.3. Boaz and Ruth**

Ruth was powerless.  
Ruth was a foreigner and an outsider.  
*Alienated.*

Boaz identifies with her.  
Boaz stands before the elders.  
Boaz is willing to pay the price.  
*But didn't have to...*

He restores Ruth.

**3.4. Jesus and Us.**

We were powerless  
Without Hope and without God

Jesus identifies with us  
Jesus faced the religious leaders  
Jesus is willing to pay the price  
*And He does*

Jesus restores us.

*1JN 3:1 How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!*

**3.5. Conclusion.**

We were Alienated...  
Jesus became the Son of Man – And Utterly God-Forsaken.  
Resurrection = humanity into the Trinity.