

BCF SERMON SERIES

*Coming Home:  
A Story of Redemption*

THE BOOK OF  
**RUTH**

## The Redeemer's Work (Ruth 4:1-10 ESV)

Now Boaz had gone up to the gate and sat down there. And behold, the redeemer, of whom Boaz had spoken, came by. So Boaz said, "Turn aside, friend; sit down here." And he turned aside and sat down. And he took ten men of the elders of the city and said, "Sit down here." So they sat down. Then he said to the redeemer, "Naomi, who has come back from the country of Moab, is selling the parcel of land that belonged to our relative Elimelech. So I thought I would tell you of it and say, 'Buy it in the presence of those sitting here and in the presence of the elders of my people.' If you will redeem it, redeem it. But if you will not, tell me, that I may know, for there is no one besides you to redeem it, and I come after you." And he said, "I will redeem it."

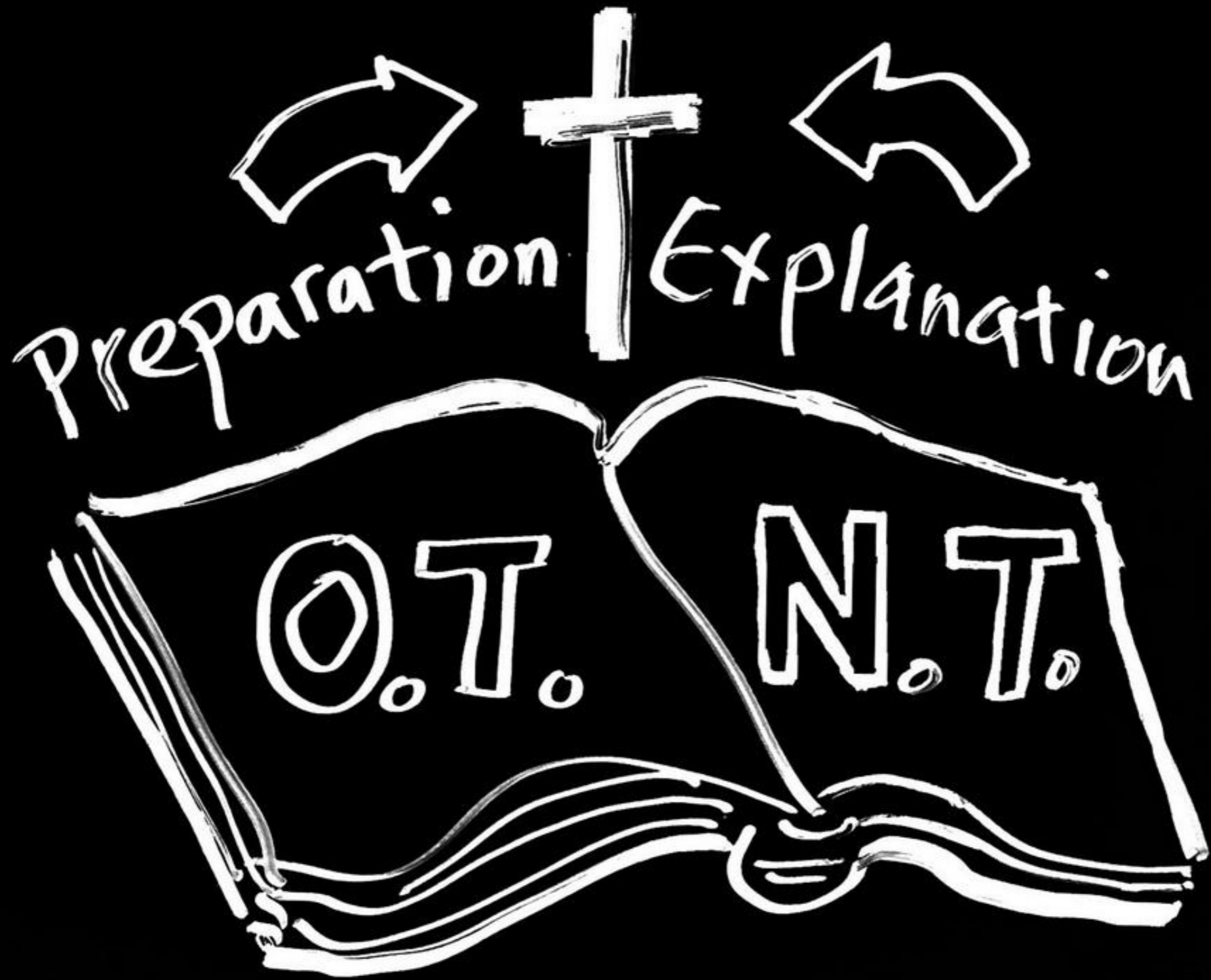
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Then Boaz said, "The day you buy the field from the hand of Naomi, you also acquire Ruth the Moabite, the widow of the dead, in order to perpetuate the name of the dead in his inheritance." Then the redeemer said, "I cannot redeem it for myself, lest I impair my own inheritance. Take my right of redemption yourself, for I cannot redeem it." Now this was the custom in former times in Israel concerning redeeming and exchanging: to confirm a transaction, the one drew off his sandal and gave it to the other, and this was the manner of attesting in Israel. So when the redeemer said to Boaz, "Buy it for yourself," he drew off his sandal.

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Then Boaz said to the elders and all the people, "You are witnesses this day that I have bought from the hand of Naomi all that belonged to Elimelech and all that belonged to Chilion and to Mahlon. Also Ruth the Moabite, the widow of Mahlon, I have bought to be my wife, to perpetuate the name of the dead in his inheritance, that the name of the dead may not be cut off from among his brothers and from the gate of his native place. You are witnesses this day."

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Babylonian



Judean



Modern



Me on vacation

## Boaz redeemed Ruth...

1. By the book.
2. At great cost.
3. With personal care.
4. In public.
5. With wisdom.



## Jesus redeemed us...

1. By the book.
2. At great cost.
3. With personal care.
4. In public.
5. With wisdom.



# Jesus redeemed us...

## 1. By the book.

"Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.'" (Matthew 3:15)

"It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus." (Romans 3:26)

## Jesus redeemed us...

1. By the book.
2. **At great cost.**

"...knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot." (1 Peter 1:18-19)

"Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." (Luke 12:32)

## Jesus redeemed us...

1. By the book.
2. At great cost.
3. **With personal care.**

"...the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God." (Romans 8:21)

## Jesus redeemed us...

1. By the book.
2. At great cost.
3. With personal care.
4. **In public.**

“It was before your eyes that Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified.” (Galatians 3:1)

“we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.” (2 Peter 1:16)

“...that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you” (I John 1:3)

# How Other Religions Started

Private dream about God



OR

Private angelic encounter about God

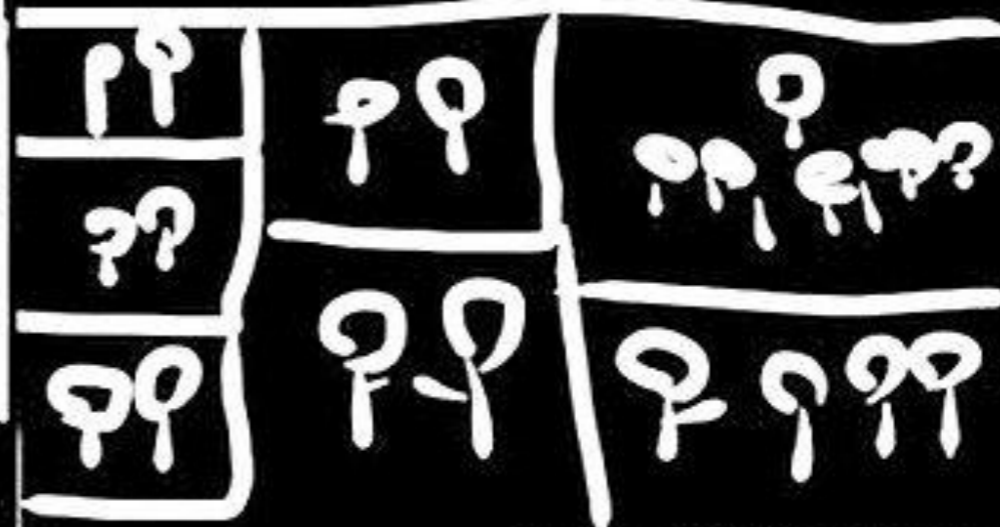


OR

Private idea about God

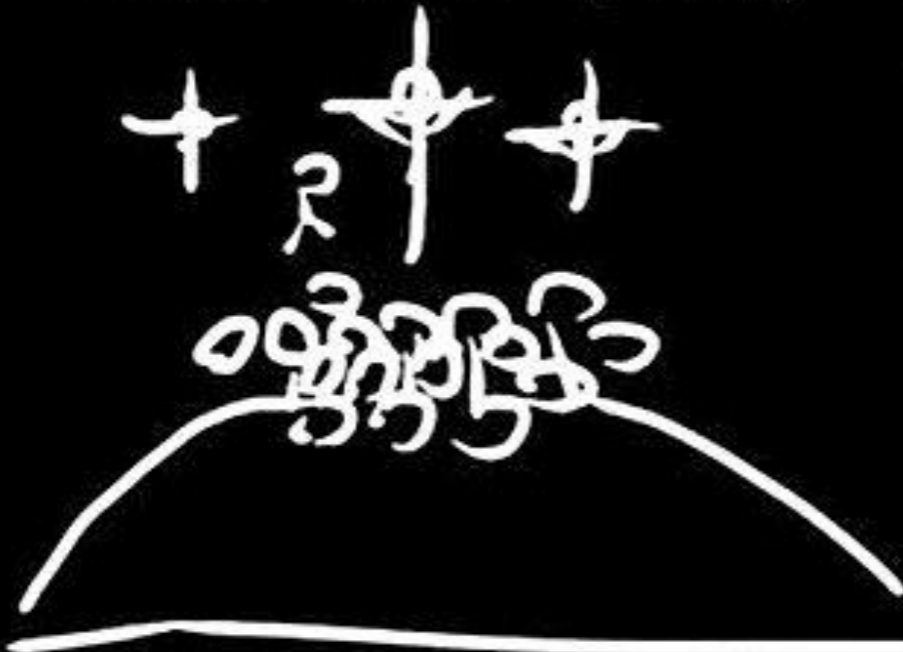


One person told everyone what he saw



# How Christianity Started

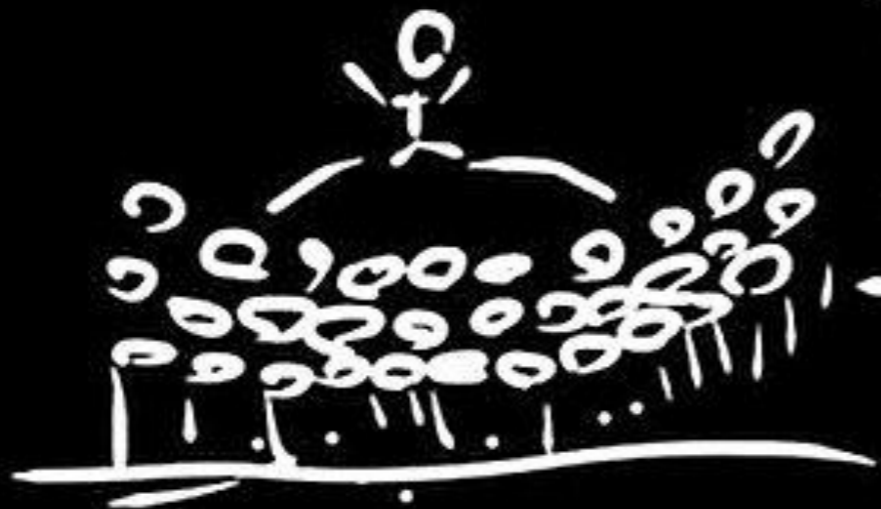
After a public ministry,  
Christ was killed publicly



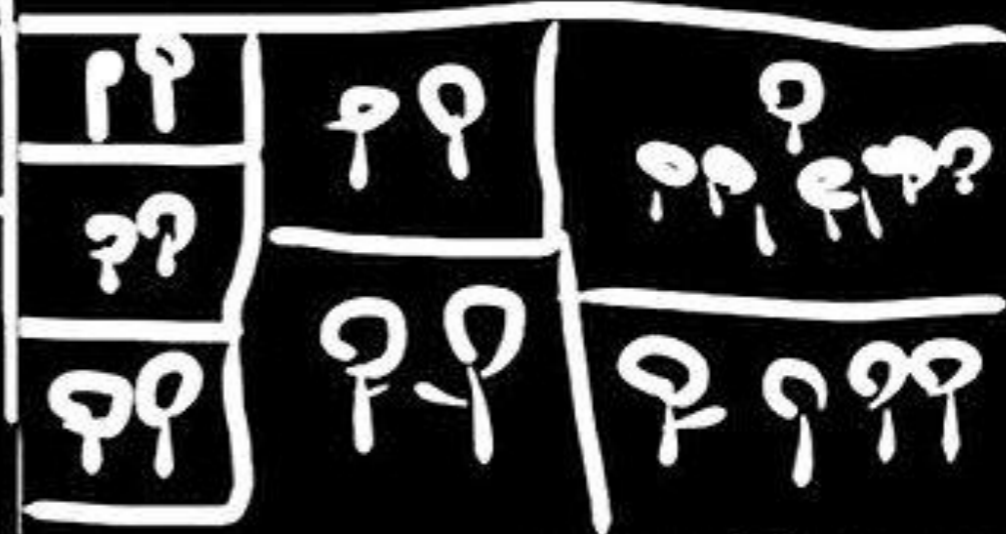
Christ rose from a public  
tomb publicly



Christ publicly showed him-  
self to the public



The public told everyone  
what they saw



## Jesus redeemed us...

1. By the book.
2. At great cost.
3. With personal care.
4. In public.
5. **With wisdom.**

"But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory."

(1 Corinthians 2:7-8)