

Ruth

(7) The Redemption is complete

Ruth 4:9-10

9 Then Boaz announced to the elders and all the people, "Today you are witnesses that I have bought from Naomi all the property of Elimelech, Kilion and Mahlon. 10 I have also acquired Ruth the Moabitess, Mahlon's widow, as my wife, in order to maintain the name of the dead with his property, so that his name will not disappear from among his family or from the town records. Today you are witnesses!" NIV

Boaz convenes the legal proceedings...4:1-11

As Boaz sat at the town gate, who just *happens* to come by? 4:1; Rom.8:28

The kinsman-redeemer who's closer than Boaz. The legal 'hurdle' between Ruth & Boaz.

As he 'convenes court' (10 elders), what is the topic of business? 4:2-3

Naomi, returned from Moab, is selling the land belonging to Elimelech, their brother.

What is the case Boaz makes before his 'nearer' brother and the 10 elders? 4:4 Response?

You have the first right to redeem. Do it or not. If not, I'm next in line. Ans: I will do it.

Then what other detail does Boaz point out? 4:5

When you redeem the land from Naomi/Ruth the Moabitess, you must marry Ruth!

What is the 'nearer' kinsman's response now? 4:6-8

Can't do it! I *might* endanger my own estate. I pass the redemption-right to you.

And what does Boaz do immediately? 4:9-10

I am redeeming the *property and also Ruth*, to raise up an heir in Mahlon's name.

And what's the judgment of the court? 4:11-12

We are (legal) witnesses! May the Lord make you/Ruth fruitful/famous in Bethlehem.

And how does the Lord answer that prayer? 4:13-15 see IJn.5:13-15

Ruth bears a son, Obed, David's grandfather! Ruth is better to Naomi than 7 sons!

And what is one strong purpose of the book of Ruth? 4:16-22; Mt.1:1-5

The book of Ruth records the lineage of David. But infinitely more, the lineage of Christ

The shadow of Resurrection Sunday

As our high priest, what did Christ do after the crucifixion? Heb.9:11-12

He entered The Holy Place (in heaven) and offered His blood as the price of redemption.

Like Boaz redeeming Ruth, *whom* does Christ redeem? IPet.1:17-18; Rev.19:7; Eph.5:31-32

The Church (believers), the bride of Christ, redeemed by His blood. Kinsman-redeemer.

Like Boaz, Christ redeems the bride *and* also what else? Ruth 4:9-10; Rev.5:1-10

Also the land, in this case the whole created universe! See Rom.8:18-23; redemption!

What do we celebrate on Resurrection Sunday? ICor.15:3-4

Jesus was crucified for our transgressions. He was raised because of our justification.

Rejoice! Our Redemption is complete!!