

TAMAR

The nativity story, with
Its gritty tale of innocence
And harm, is not the only one
About a blameless child and a
flurry of anger with unkind
and dismissive speculation.
In Christ's ancestry Tamar's voice
Went unheard when she reported
Wrongdoing, being trafficked, tricked
And then by incest gave birth to
Perez – an ancestor of King
David – and eventually
(As mentioned in Matthew's gospel)
Jesus, the only Son of God.