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"Jesus Christ, Our Hope"
Summary of the Destroyer of All Darkness
Genesis 34
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"Every year, Advent begins in the dark," notes one writer. If that is correct, then we couldn't have possibly landed on a darker passage in the Old Testament than that of Genesis thirty-four. James Boice, in his commentary on Genesis writes: "Here and there in the Bible we come upon chapters that report such disgraceful deeds that it is difficult to know how to comment or preach on them. The thirty-fourth chapter of Genesis is such a chapter, for it tells of the rape of Jacob's daughter Dinah by Shechem – son of Hamor, the king of Shechem – and of a bloody revenge on the city of Shechem by Jacob's sons." What are we to do with such a chapter? While many commentators simply skip this chapter, we cannot afford to do so. As Boice reminds us, this chapter provides us with lessons on how not to and how to live.

