December 11-12, 2021 SERMON: It's Hard to Believe SERIES: Christmas at the Movies

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It's Hard to Believe

Matthew 1:18-25

1. In WHO YOU ARE.

GENESIS 1:27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

PSALMS 139:13-16 You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother's womb. ¹⁴ Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it. ¹⁵ You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion, as I was woven together in the dark of the womb. ¹⁶ You saw me before I was born.

LUKE 1:46-48 ... "My soul magnifies the Lord, ⁴⁷ And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior. ⁴⁸ For He has regarded the lowly state of His maidservant; For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed.

JEREMIAH 1:5... "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; Before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations."

2. In HOPE.

PROVERBS 13:12 *Hope deferred makes the heart sick...*

HEBREWS 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

MATTHEW 1:20-21 But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

3. In JESUS.