

Series: The Actors of Advent

Text: Matthew 1:18-25

**Main Idea:** Christmas is about God coming to save us.

Title/Hook: What's In A Name?

Date: 12/10/23

Call to Worship: John 1:14

Benediction: 2 Peter 3:18

Structure: Inductive

Outline:

**Text:** Matthew 1:18-25

### **1. Immanuel: The baby to be born would be God (vv. 18-20, 22-24)**

**Quote - Craig Blomberg** - "Engagement in ancient Judaism was legally binding and required divorce if it were to be broken, but sexual relations and living together under one roof were not permitted until after the marriage ceremony."

**Luke 1:34-37** - <sup>34</sup> And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?" <sup>35</sup> And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. <sup>36</sup> And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. <sup>37</sup> For nothing will be impossible with God." <sup>38</sup> And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

**2 Samuel 7:12-13** - <sup>12</sup> When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. <sup>13</sup> He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

**Quote - J.I. Packer** - "It is here, in the thing that happened at the first Christmas, that the profoundest and most unfathomable depths of the Christian revelation lie."

## **2. Jesus: The baby to be born would be Savior (vv. 21, 25)**

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**Quote - John Owen** - “If Christ had not been man, he could not have suffered for men, and if he had not been God, his suffering could not have satisfied infinite justice.”

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**John 1:12** - to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God

**Luke 2:46-55** - <sup>46</sup> And Mary said, “My soul magnifies the Lord, <sup>47</sup> and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

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