



**“The Birth of the King”**  
**Mathew 1:18-25**  
**The Coming of the King**

Introduction: Not the proclamation we were expecting...

Matthew 1:25b – “she gave birth to a Son; and he called His name Jesus.”

Matthew 1:18 – “Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: when His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child by the Holy Spirit.”

**1.) Following God will take you through unexpected difficulty.**

1 John 2:3-4, And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments. Whoever says “I know him” but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

Matthew 1:19 – “And Joseph her husband, being a righteous man and not wanting to disgrace her, planned to send her away secretly.”

**2.) God sees unexpected options.**

Matthew 1:20 – “But when he had considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; for the Child who has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.”

Justice

Mercy

Grace

**3.) The right choice is sometimes unexpected.**

Matthew 1:21 – “She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.”

Matt. 1:22-23 – “Now all this took place to fulfill what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet: “Behold, the virgin shall be with child and shall bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,” which translated means, “God with us.”

Matthew 1:24 – “And Joseph awoke from his sleep and did as the angel of the Lord commanded him, and took Mary as his wife,…”

**4.) As we pursue God His correction shouldn't be unexpected.**

John 11:47-48 – “So the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the Council and said, “What are we to do? For this man performs many signs. If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation.”

Matthew 1:25 – “but kept her a virgin until she gave birth to a Son; and he called His name Jesus.”

**5.) With God our outcome is guaranteed but the journey is unexpected.**

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

- 1.) What did you find new, helpful, or confusing about today's message?
- 2.) In what ways was Jesus' birth unexpected for Mary and Joseph?
  - 2a.) In what ways was Jesus' birth unexpected for the people of Israel?
- 3.) How do you respond to the unexpected things in life?
- 4.) What are some unexpected ways you've seen God work?
- 5.) What are some unexpected ways you can share God's love with others during this holiday season?