



CONTEMPLATING CHRISTMAS SERIES

Lesson #02

Remembering The Wonder Of Christmas

Matthew 1:18-25

INTRODUCTION

Matthew 7:11; 1 Timothy 1:15b; Matthew 1:18-25

3 STAPLE TRUTHS OF THE VERY FIRST CHRISTMAS

The First Christmas Reminds Us...

1. GOD SOVEREIGNLY CHANGES OUR PLANS TO GUIDE US.

Isaiah 55:9; Matthew 1:18-19

Proverbs 16:1: “We can make our own plans, but the Lord gives the right answer.”

Proverbs 16:9: “We can make our plans, but the Lord determines our steps.”

Proverbs 19:21: “You can make many plans, but the Lord’s purpose will prevail.”

2. GOD ROUTINELY BLOWS OUR MINDS TO HUMBLE US.

Matthew 1:20-23

Jesus Was Fully Human...

- PHYSICALLY
- MENTALLY
- EMOTIONALLY

Why Is That Important?

- ❖ Jesus is able to IDENTIFY with you.

“For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.” Hebrews 4:15

- ❖ Jesus is able to SUBSTITUTE for you.

“He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities, the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed.” Isaiah 53:5

“It is here at the first Christmas that the profoundest and most unfathomable depths of Christian revelation lie. The more you think about this, the more staggering it gets!” J. I. Packer

3. GOD CONTINUALLY USES OUR OBEDIENCE TO BLESS US.

Matthew 1:24-25; Luke 11:28; Philippians 3:10