

Christmas Day

Matthew 1:18-25

1. Simple pleasures

2. The simple events (vs.18-25)

3. Simple observations

- (i) The right context for Christmas is global history
- (ii) The right context for Christmas is personal relationship
- (iii) The right context for Christmas is desire – God's desire
- (iv) Consider Christmas as the moment of obedience

4. Simple actions

- (i) Please remember the relevance of Christmas in a sin-broken world.
- (ii) Please recognise the unsettling grace of Christmas.
- (iii) Please be astounded at God's desire
- (iv) Please pay attention to Joseph, as the way to embrace Christmas

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The birth of Jesus Christ came about this way: After His mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, it was discovered before they came together that she was pregnant by the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ So her husband Joseph, being a righteous man, and not wanting to disgrace her publicly, decided to divorce her secretly. ²⁰ But after he had considered these things, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, don't be afraid to take Mary as your wife, because what has been conceived in her is by the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will give birth to a son, and you are to name Him Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins." ²² Now all this took place to fulfill what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet: ²³ See, the virgin will become pregnant and give birth to a son, and they will name Him Immanuel, which is translated "God is with us." ²⁴ When Joseph got up from sleeping, he did as the Lord's angel had commanded him. He married her ²⁵ but did not know her intimately until she gave birth to a son. And he named Him Jesus.