



I. INTRO

- A. There's a good chance something "Unexpected" is going to happen this Christmas
- Your patience is going to be tested
 - Something is going to go wrong
 - Somebody is going to disappoint you

II. UNEXPECTED

- A. This is how the Messiah was born

Matthew 1:18 (NIV) This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 1:19 (NIV) Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

- When something unexpected happens - Where did that expectation come from?
- B. Where did Joseph and Mary get their expectation?
- Israel was looking for a redeemer
- C. Intervention looked inconvenient
- Israel wanted God to intervene

John 1:1-4 (NKJV) In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

John 1:10-11a (TPT) He entered into the very world he created, yet the world was unaware. He came to the very people he created—to those who should have recognized him,

- D. They wanted a neat, tidy convenient miracle they could understand

III. GOD WANTED TO GIVE THEM A REVELATION

- A. Like Israel we want God's intervention
- God fix my problem
- B. Israel wanted God's intervention but God wanted to give them a revelation

Matthew 1:21-23 (NIV) 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." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us").

- C. The message of Christmas is about his presence
- D. What is your expectation of God?