



MWay Notes Week 01: Finding the Savior

Joseph Finds the Savior – Matthew 1:18-24

Four Paths to Find the Savior:

1. THE PATH OF THE UNEXPECTED

This is how Jesus the Messiah was born. His mother, Mary, was engaged to be married to Joseph. But before the marriage took place, while she was still a virgin, she became pregnant through the power of the Holy Spirit. Joseph, her fiancé, was a good man and did not want to disgrace her publicly, so he decided to break the engagement quietly. As he considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream. "Joseph, son of David," the angel said, "do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. [Matthew 1:18-20]"

Two dimensions to this plan:

- Jesus came at God's initiative.
- God shows up in our dilemmas.

2. THE PATH OF THE UNEXPLAINABLE

As he considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream. "Joseph, son of David," the angel said, "do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. For the child within her was conceived by the Holy Spirit. [Matthew 1:20]"

The virgin birth signifies...

- The holiness of the child.
- The uniqueness of the child.
- The divinity and humanity of the child.

3. THE PATH OF THE UNDENIABLE

And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins. [Matthew 1:21]"

Our undeniable need... overcoming sin.

4. THE PATH OF THE UNBELIEVABLE

All of this occurred to fulfill the Lord's message through his prophet: "Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel, which means 'God is with us.'" [Matthew 1:22-23]"

Therefore, it was necessary for him to be made in every respect like us, his brothers and sisters, so that he could be our merciful and faithful High Priest before God. Then he could offer a sacrifice that would take away the sins of the people. [Hebrews 2:17]"

- The point: God himself has felt what we feel.

Conclusion...

THE PATH OF THE UNAFRAID

When Joseph woke up, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded and took Mary as his wife. [Matthew 1:24]"

- The greatest gift God has given us is Jesus.
- The greatest gift we can give God is our obedience.