

SERMON OUTLINE: 2, 4 & 6pm
How Will You Receive Jesus?
Matthew 1:18-21
Christmas Eve, December 24, 2025
Pastor Mark Rein

I. Jesus came to Mary and she received Him with _____ and _____

A. Mary believed _____

Luke 1:45

Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!

B. Mary placed God's glory above _____

Luke 1:46b

My soul glorifies the Lord.

Luke 1:38a

"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled."

II. Jesus came to Joseph and he believed and was obedient despite _____ all the _____

Matthew 1:19

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.

Matthew 1:20

But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit."

III. Jesus came to the shepherds and they believed despite thinking they _____

Luke 2:11

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

Luke 2:20

And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Next Steps:

1. See yourself as someone who needs a Savior.
2. Jesus comes to you. Respond with joy and humility despite not having all the answers.
3. Remember, your past doesn't matter. Jesus came for the undeserving.

SERMON OUTLINE: 3 & 5pm
The Greatest Gift Unboxed
Christmas Eve, December 24, 2025
Pastor John Zahrte

- I. The _____ of Christmas = God came _____
 - a. Colossians 2:9 – God came in a _____
 - b. Colossians 1:15-16 – As God, Jesus always _____
 - c. Philippians 2:7 – Jesus came as a _____
 - d. Hebrews 4:15 – Jesus came to _____ you

- II. The _____ for Christmas = Jesus came for your _____
 - a. Jesus came to show you what _____
 - i. In nature, you see that God is _____
 - ii. In nature, you see that God is _____
 - iii. In Jesus, you see that God is _____ (Romans 5:8)
 - iv. In Jesus, you see that God is _____
(1 John 4:10b)
 - b. Jesus came to help you _____
(www.readscripture.org)
 - c. Jesus came to _____ your forgiveness
(1 John 3:5; Philippians 2:6a, 8b)
 - i. To be your Savior, it cost Jesus _____
 - ii. To be your Savior, it cost Jesus _____
(1 John 4:9-10; John 15:13; Romans 5:8)

- III. The _____ of Christmas = That you might _____
 - a. Romans 5:10
 - b. God's gift in Jesus is the greatest gift because...
 - i. This gift is _____ (Luke 2:11)
 - ii. This gift is _____ (Ephesians 1:7)
 - iii. This gift is _____ (1 Peter 1:18-19)
 - iv. This gift if _____ (John 10:28)
 - c. You receive God's gift _____
 - d. Philippians 2:9-11 – Jesus is _____

This week, I will...

- Rejoice that God came to earth as a _____
- _____ by praying and being in His Word each day
- Remember that, in _____, Jesus is Lord!