

MARINERS CHURCH



Dealing with the Mess of Christmas

December 15-16, 2018

But when the right time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman... Galatians 4:4

For Mary

She was engaged to a man named Joseph... Luke 1:27

God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a village in Galilee, to a virgin named Mary. She was engaged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of King David. Gabriel appeared to her and said, "Greetings, favored woman! The Lord is with you!" Luke 1:26-28 (NLT)

Joseph.

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. And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." Matthew 1:20-21 (NLT)

So the baby to be born will be holy, and he will be called the Son of God. Luke 1:35

And while they were there, the time came for her baby to be born.... There was no room at the inn. Luke 2:6-7

Dealing with the mess....

God doesn't do things my way.

But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. Luke 2:19 (NIV)

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Luke 2:19



God is with us.

"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 1:23

All things came into being through Jesus, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. John 1:3

He came into the very world he created. John 1:10

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." John 16:33

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

For your LifeGroup and accountability partner...

My biggest stress right now is...

Look at John 1:1-18. How does this help with the mess and stress of Christmas?

Why do you think God is allowing your 'mess' right now?

Why do you think we keep on stressing about the mess in life when the Savior of the World has already come?