

Unbelievable and True

Matthew 1:18-25

1. Unbelievable – v.18,19,23

a. God becoming human – v.23

- almighty becoming a helpless baby
- eternal God facing death

b. God entering our world – v.18; Is.7:14

God's ways are not our ways – Is.55:8,9

Joseph's dilemma

2. Revelation – v.20-23

- a. Angelic messenger
- b. The Bible – v.22,23

God calls us to be his messengers, to explain the message of the Bible.

3. Good News – v.21,23

a. God has come to save us – v.21

- a holy God – must deal with sin

- a loving God – he comes to deal with it

Ps.130:7,8; Is.53; Jer.31:31-34; Ez.36:24-31

b. God is with us – v.23

4. Good News – the response

Joseph and each of us face a costly but worthwhile response:-

- a. Misunderstanding
- b. Self-denial
- c. Miracle of new birth – John 3:5,6; 1Pet.1:23; Gal.2:20; 2Pet.1:3,4