

Unexpected Rescue

Scripture: **Matthew 1:1; 17–25**

Series: **Advent 2015: The Unexpected Savior**

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Overview

In his gospel, Matthew wants us to know that Jesus is qualified to be our Savior and God is faithful to keep his promises. Christmas is about God “over-delivering” his promise in Christ. While we do not need to be saved from a political regime (e.g. the Roman Empire) we very much need to be saved from our sin—and Jesus, being fully God and fully man, is uniquely and perfectly qualified to do so.

Corroborating Texts

Galatians 4:4, 2 Corinthians 1:20, Luke 17:11–19

Discussion Questions

1. Read Matthew 1:18-25. In Matthew’s account of the birth of Jesus, what do we learn about who God is?
2. Unlike our fallen selves, God is faithful and keeps all of his promises. Which of God’s promises have been a comfort to you recently?
3. Do you struggle to believe any of God’s promises? Which one(s)?
4. Why do we sometimes doubt God’s promises? What can we do to believe them?
5. As Scott asked: what obstacle will hold you back from Christ? What obstacle will you allow to stand between you and the promises of God? Can those obstacles, e.g. pleasure and reputation, deliver on their promises?
6. Pray together that we—as individuals, as families, as a church—would not miss the point of Christmas this season; that it is about God over-delivering his promises in Christ to us and to the world.