

Transformed in Christ to Disciple People

*Christmas is ALL About
Jesus*

Matthew 1:18-25

Sunday, December 23, 2007

Treasuring Christ... Loving People...

Christmas Celebrates God's Ability to...

1. Involve you in His plan.
2. Do the impossible through you.
3. Change your life forever.

LIFE'S HEARTBREAKS

1. Joseph's Plan

1:18a

1 Cor. 10:31 *Lord must be at the center...*

James 4:14 *Lord must be in...*

LIFE'S HEARTBREAKS

2. Unbelievable News

1:18b

Luke 1:26 Mary returned...

Joseph...

Mary...

Failure to seek & submit to...

LIFE'S HEARTBREAKS

3. Unbearable Decision 1:19

Deut. 22:23f Mary deserved...

Joseph's Decision...

Matt. 5:32 "...but I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality (fornication), makes her commit adultery...

Matt. 19:9 "...whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality (fornication), and marries another, commits adultery.

LIFE'S HEARTBREAKS

Romans 8:18-39

Remember & Rest in These Truths...

- 1. God's best is NOT... 8:18**
- 2. God uses pain... 8:23-25**
- 3. God uses pain... 8:26-27**
- 4. God is in... 8:28-34**
- 5. God's love for you is... 8:35-39**

LORD'S HANDIWORK

1. Jesus' Plan

1:20a

Dream

1) *'Son of David'...*

2) *Don't fear...*

WHY NOW?

LORD'S HANDIWORK

2. Believable News

1:20b-23

Virgin Birth...

1) *Promised*

Is. 7:14

2) *Performed*

Jn. 1:1,14

3) *Explained*

Phil. 2:5-8

"Jesus"

"Immanuel"

Gospel...

LORD'S HANDIWORK

3. Bearable Decision

1:24-25

Joseph felt?

Mary felt?

Joseph's Obedience...

1)

2)

Christmas Celebrates God's Ability to...

1. Involve you in His plan.

Whose plan are you working?

Whose dream are you living?

John 12:24-25 "Truly, truly I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

Whoever loves his life, loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life."

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2. Do the impossible through you.

What are you trusting Jesus to do that only Jesus can do?

John 14:12-13 "Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in Me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do because I am going to the Father. Whatever you ask in My name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son."

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3. Change your life forever.

Has Jesus changed your life? If so, HOW?

Luke 19:8-9 "...Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold. And Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.'"