

**BEHOLD THE KING
PART 4**

Pastor Luke Uran – December 19, 2021



SERMON NOTES AND SCRIPTURE

Matthew 1:18-25

18 This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about[a]: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. 19 Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet[b] did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

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. 21 She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus,[c] because he will save his people from their sins.”

22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: 23 “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel”[d] (which means “God with us”).

24 When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. 25 But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

Living to please God can lead to disappointing people.

Two ways to live for God instead of people:

- 1. Obedience to God can lead to opposition from people.**
- 2. Small acts of obedience prepare our hearts for great acts of God.**

Two Questions:

- 1. What small acts is God asking me to be more obedient to?**
- 2. What are some ways that I can be more intentional about living to please God rather than people?**

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GROUP DISCUSSION

Please read the passage of Scripture together as a group.

Share with your group one of your favorite Christmas traditions you had growing up.

Did/do you have any traditions at Christmas that point to the person and work of Jesus?

Pastor Luke talked about the hypostatic union. Why is it crucial that Jesus be fully God and fully human?

What would it mean if he was one and not the other?

What can we learn from Joseph's story as he followed God in obedience?

Why do you think God chose to speak in a dream to Joseph? Have you ever had an experience like that?

What small acts of obedience is God calling you into right now?

Is there a way that you can live to please God more and people less this week?