

Christmas 2021 Series  
Week 2 outline  
Mt 1:18-25  
12.12.21

COME THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS  
Joseph Righteous and Kind

**I. Mary Recap: A Life of Expectancy**

- A. Is rooted in the promises of God
- B. Flows from a life of humility and obedience
- C. Is practiced by faith moved to action
  - 1. It's Motivated
  - 2. It's Deliberate
  - 3. It's Relational

**II. Joseph Expecting Jesus (Mt 1:18-25)**

**A. A Reflection of God's Character (vs19)**

- 1. *"Joseph was faithful to the law"*
  - He was a man of righteousness
- 2. *"Yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace"*
  - He was a man of kindness

*"the character of Joseph, the man God chose for his Son to have for an earthly father, is not only interesting, it is also instructive to us. There are many who are righteous, but who are not kind. There are many who are kind, but who are not righteous. Joseph, however, loved God and his law, and that love of God touched his heart, causing him to be a kind man. When God chose a human father for his Son, he chose a man who would be righteous and kind, qualities that reflect God the Father himself. "*

**-J. Ligon Duncan III**

A LIFE OF EXPECTANCY EXTENDS FROM THE REFLECTION OF GOD'S CHARACTER, WHO  
IS WHOLLY RIGHTEOUS AND KIND.  
HE GROUNDS US IN THE FULLNESS OF GRACE AND TRUTH,  
FULLY FOUND IN THE PERSON OF JESUS CHRIST.

*"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth." -John 1:14*

## **B. The Choice of Faith** (vs 20-24)

1. Enacted by Faith
2. Regardless of Circumstances  
Joseph chose to not allow himself to be ruled by SPECULATION  
...Was his bride an unfaithful liar?
3. In Spite of Consequences  
Joseph chose to not to allow himself to be overcome by FEAR  
...What would be the social and professional repercussions he would face?

A LIFE OF EXPECTANCY IS A CHOICE ENACTED BY FAITH,  
REGARDLESS OF CIRCUMSTANCES AND IN SPITE OF THE CONSEQUENCES

## **C. Waiting and Expecting** (vs 25)

1. Expectancy is far from Weak
2. Expectancy is for the Wise  
- 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

A LIFE OF EXPECTANCY MAKES ROOM FOR JESUS TO SHOW UP IN MIRACULOUS WAYS

## **III. Making Room at the Inn...**

3 ways we choose to make room for Jesus in faith-filled expectancy:

### **1. AHEAD OF TIME:** Determine Ahead of Time

- We don't allow our circumstances to become our idol
- We choose to believe that we are who God says we are, and we live our lives according to him.

### **2. IN THE MEAN TIME:** Put Faith into Practice In The Meantime

- Living in expectancy is a spiritual practice we exercise with trust and obedience in spite of consequences.
- We build rhythms in our life to allow our faith to grow and position our hearts for the Holy Spirit to transform us.

### **3. IN PAST TIME:** Intentionally recount God's Faithfulness in the Past

- We praise God for who He is, we thank Him for what He's done, and we pray for eyes to see what He's currently at work doing.

BECAUSE GOD IS FULLY JUST AND KIND,  
WE CAN CHOOSE TO LIVE A LIFE OF EXPECTANCY  
THAT MAKES ROOM FOR JESUS TO SHOW UP IN MIRACULOUS WAYS