

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

*Christmas Day | The gift of hope this Christmas*

**Matthew 1:18-25 | Jon Kwan**

## **What do we hope for?**

### **1 Joseph is faced with a dilemma**

- a An unplanned pregnancy 18
- b A quiet divorce 19

### **2 God intervenes**

- a This is God's plan 20-21  
cf. Isaiah 43:1
- b Joseph trusts God 24-25

### **3 Jesus' identity brings hope**

- a Messiah = anointed one 18  
cf. 2 Samuel 7
- b Jesus = the Lord saves 21
- c Immanuel = God with us 22-23  
cf. Isaiah 7:14; Romans 6:10

## **Certain hope is offered to you**

- a Investigate for yourself
- b Trust God yourself

*Father God,*

*Thank you that Jesus came to save me from my sins.*

*I'm sorry for rejecting you in my life.*

*Please forgive me.*

*Thank you that Jesus died for my sins, so I can be forgiven.*

*Help me now to follow Jesus as my saviour and king.*

*In Jesus name, Amen.*

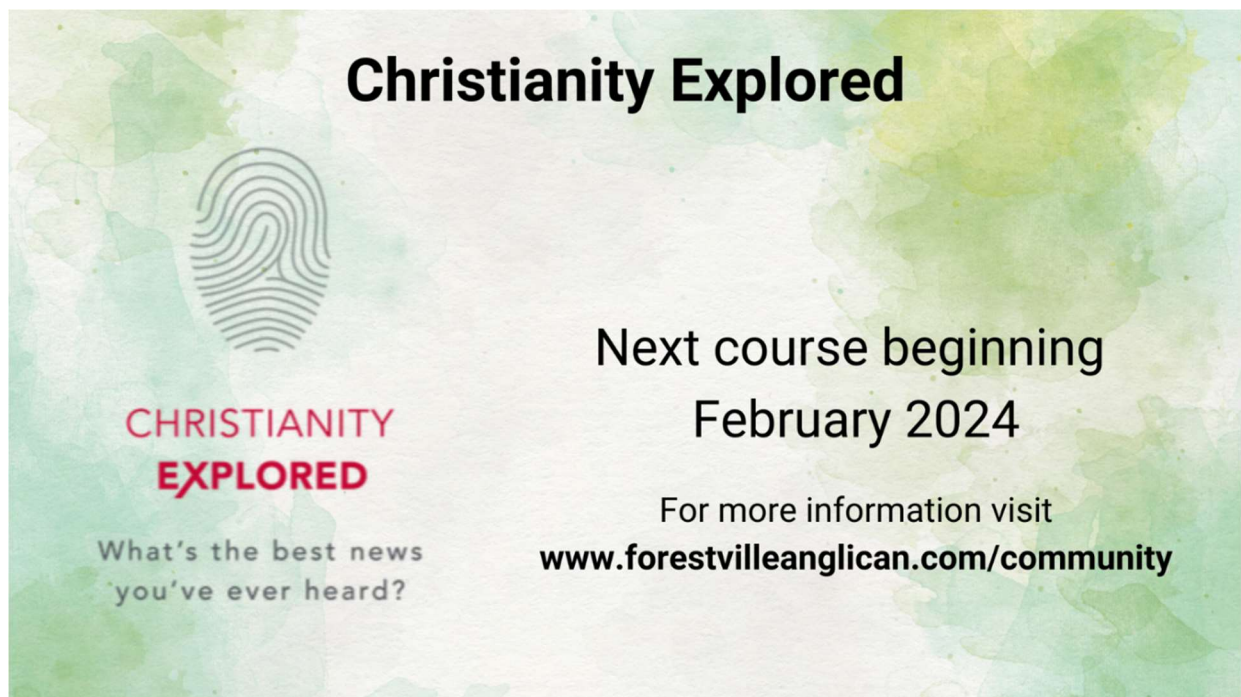
## Matthew 1:18-25

<sup>18</sup> This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: 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. <sup>19</sup> Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

<sup>20</sup> 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. <sup>21</sup> She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.'

<sup>22</sup> All this took place to fulfil what the Lord had said through the prophet: <sup>23</sup> 'The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel' (which means 'God with us').

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

A poster for a 'Christianity Explored' course. The background is a light green watercolor wash. On the left, there is a stylized fingerprint icon. Below it, the text 'CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED' is written in red, with 'EXPLORED' in a larger, bold font. Underneath that, the question 'What's the best news you've ever heard?' is written in a smaller, grey font. On the right side, the text 'Next course beginning February 2024' is centered. Below that, it says 'For more information visit' followed by the website address 'www.forestvilleanglican.com/community' in a bold, black font.

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Day celebration

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