

Maple Springs Baptist Church

Series: Christmas Un-Wrapped

Week 1: The Well-Worn Story

Sometimes we can be so familiar with something that we miss the absolute obvious.

Luke 2:1, 3-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-18, 21-24, 30-33

The reason the Christmas story is in our Bible is to help us understand who God is, who we are, how God works, and how we relate to Him.

3 Things We Don't Want to Miss:

- (1) These were incredibly dark days for **ISRAEL**.
- (2) These were incredibly dark days for **JOSEPH & MARY**.
- (3) When God finally did **SHOW UP**, He seemed to immediately **DISAPPEAR** again.

What does it mean to us in our real-life experience & walk with God?

4 THINGS WE DON'T WANT TO FORGET:

- (1) God works in the **SHADOWS**. *Isaiah 55:8-9*
- (2) He shows up **IN** the **CRISIS**. *Psalms 23:1-4*
- (3) He always follows His own **TIMETABLE**. *2 Peter 3:8*
- (4) If we **BAIL OUT** we'll **MISS OUT**. *Hebrews 10:36*