

Sermon Discussion Guide:

A Son Who Saves

Sunday, December 5, 2021

Scripture: **Matthew 1:18–25**

Series: **Advent**

OVERVIEW

The world is full of saviors who offer advice, but not atonement. Jesus says that he will save us, and he actually does. He is our prophet, and our priest. Joseph recognized his need for a deliverer. Though he was afraid, Joseph believed the Word of God, however implausible it sounded, and we are called to believe the implausible story of redemption as well.

We need a Son who saves, not a son who says.

CORROBORATING TEXTS

Ephesians 1:7, John 8:34-36, Romans 3:21-26

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Practically speaking, when are you tempted to choose fear over faith? Which false 'saviors' tempt you to follow them with their plausible words?
2. Because of Jesus' work on the cross, what are we saved **from**? [*guilt, slavery, separation from God*] What are we saved **to**? [*righteousness, freedom, communion with God...*]
3. Does the story of redemption sound crazy to you? Why do you believe it?
4. On a day-to-day basis, how do you recognize your ongoing need for a savior? [*prayer, repentance, etc...*]