

The Journey to Nazareth

Matthew 2:13-23

Shadows of a prophecy to be fulfilled:

³⁴ “Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed ³⁵ (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.”

(Luke 2:34-35)

The Threat is _____. (v. 13-15)

This is a genuine _____. If Herod succeeds in his monstrous plan, the child born King dies.

This is not a morality tale or fable. This is a faith-inspiring account of God’s _____ to save and His _____ to carry it out.

Herod’s evil was _____. (v. 16)

But as horrific as his evil was, it sprung from a far more malevolent source:

Rev. 12 reminds us that Herod was merely continuing a _____ that had raged since the beginning:

The dragon sweeps one-third of the stars from the sky (12:4).

Satan storms heaven and Michael, the archangel and protector of Israel, fights him and defeats him, retaining most of the angels, and hurling Satan down (Rev. 12:7–9).

The Christ child, now safe, shepherds the nations. He eventually ascends to heaven. The woman is in the desert, protected by the eagle (12:14–16). The Father preserves both the child and the woman.

And Satan is defeated again and again.

God’s comfort is _____. (v. 17-18)

How do you comfort a weeping mother who has lost her toddler child? What hope can you offer “Rachel” who weeps inconsolably?

The answer is in the passage that Matthew knowingly quotes: Jeremiah 31.

Jeremiah 31 presents the reality of great pain, surrounded by the greater reality of great _____:

In 31:3, we are told of God’s _____ and _____ towards His own.

Our circumstances do not _____ God nor _____ His love for us.

He _____ His love definitively in Christ! (Rom. 5:8)

And our great _____ – even as profound as what took place in Bethlehen – will ultimately be answered and displaced by His greater _____ (Jer. 31:31-34; Rom. 8:18)

God’s Sovereignty is _____. (v. 19-23)

God graciously speaks to Joseph through a direct message and messenger: an _____.

Joseph faithfully _____ what he hears. He then exercises appropriate caution and wisdom by not returning to Judea, and instead settles in Nazareth.

In all Joseph’s actions and responses (secondary causes), God is working _____ (primary cause) in both the _____ (His warnings and Joseph’s compliance) as well as the _____ – carrying out His glorious act of _____.

In God’s hands, Jesus was _____.

Jesus will be called a _____. (v. 23)

Ultimately, the family’s move to Nazareth is another _____ that Jesus is the promised Messiah of the Old Testament. (Matt. 4:13-16; Isa. 9:1-2)

That Jesus was from Nazareth would be a cause of future _____ and derision (John 1:46). But his growing up and beginning his ministry there would be another example of fulfilled prophecy (Isaiah 53:3) as one who was “despised, rejected, and not esteemed”.

From a strictly human perspective, Jesus was an unlikely savior. Yet He was, is, and will ever be the hope of the world!

My Grateful Response ...

*Dr. Paul Thompson
Calvary Baptist Church
January 14, 2024*

Sunday, January 14

10am Worship

Come Ye Sinners

Scripture Reading & Prayer of Confession..... Dan Tankersley
Isaiah 55:1-9

55 “Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³ Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴ Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵ Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. ⁶ “Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; ⁷ let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. ⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Holy Is The Lord

I Set My Hope

Scripture Reading & Prayer of Thanksgiving..... Charles Uptain
1 Corinthians 9:1-12

9 Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are not you my workmanship in the Lord? ² If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you, for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. ³ This is my defense to those who would examine me. ⁴ Do we not have the right to eat and drink? ⁵ Do we not have the right to take along a believing wife, as do the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas? ⁶ Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living? ⁷ Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard without eating any of its fruit? Or who tends a flock without getting some of the milk? ⁸ Do I say these things on human authority? Does not the Law say the same? ⁹ For it is written in the Law of Moses, “You shall not muzzle an ox when it treads out the grain.” Is it for oxen that God is concerned? ¹⁰ Does he not certainly speak for our sake? It was written for our sake, because the plowman should plow in hope and the thresher thresh in hope of sharing in the crop. ¹¹ If we have sown spiritual things among you, is it too much if we reap material things from you? ¹² If others share this rightful claim on you, do not we even more? Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the gospel of Christ.

Offering

My Soul Will Wait (Psalm 62)

Message Paul Thompson
The Journey to Nazareth
Matthew 2:13-23

I Stand Amazed

Benediction..... Patrick Lima
Philippians 1:9-11

9 May your love abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, ¹⁰ so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹ filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

5pm Worship

Holy Is The Lord

Scripture Reading & Corporate Prayer Charles Uptain
Psalm 42:11

11 Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.

God Is For Us

Blessed Assurance (All My Attempts To Be Satisfied)

Message Paul Thompson
How Can I Give You Up?
Hosea 11:1-11

How Great Is Our God

Member Meeting

Selection of Elders Vote

The church will be voting to add two men to the council of elders January 14 in our regular members’ meeting at the conclusion of the evening worship service. Dr. Dan Tankersley and Dr. Sam Tarwater were presented to the congregation in December for consideration. We hope every member of Calvary will attend our members’ meeting tonight for this important vote.

2024 Bible Conference

Sex, Gender and The Church with Nancy Pearcey and Denny Burk

Saturday, February 24

6pm Banquet with Nancy Pearcey, Fellowship Center

Sunday, February 25

8:30am Adult Joint Life Group with Denny Burk, Sanctuary

10am Worship, Message by Denny Burk

5pm Panel Discussion, Sanctuary

Tickets will be available for Saturday night's dinner banquet beginning January 21. Cost is \$15 per ticket and childcare is available with a reservation for \$5 per child.

Important Information Meeting for All Signed Up for the Summer Holy Land Tour

This meeting is Sunday, January 14, immediately following morning worship in the Parlor.

January 28 Evening Worship | 5pm

Women's Night of Prayer, Sanctuary

Men's Worship, Fellowship Center

Children will attend worship with their parents.

Senior Adult Mid-Month and Lunch

Thursday, January 18 | 11am | Parlor

John Adams Uptain will be speaking. The service and lunch will both be in the Parlor.

Join the Calvary Orchestra or Worship Team

If you play a wind or string instrument and would like to know more about participating in the Calvary orchestra, or you are a singer and/or a musician and are interested in using your gifts to serve the church, this invitation is for you! We promise to train and equip you. All we ask is that you are humble and teachable. If you have questions, contact Rebekah McLure at rebekah@calvarydothan.com.

High School Winter Retreat

9th-12th Grade | February 16-19 | \$185 | Shocco Springs in Talladega, AL

Register online by February 4!

Student Life Camp 2024

July 22-26 | Completed 6-12 Grades | Presbyterian College in Clinton, SC

Deadline for \$75 non-refundable deposit is due by Sunday, January 28.

2024 Calvary Mission Trip Dates and Locations

Guatemala- March 1-4 & October 11-14 (est. cost \$1,400)

Vermont- April 7-13 & October 20-26 (est. cost \$1,000-\$1,200)

India- June 19-28 (est. cost \$3,500)

Kenya- June 24- July 2 (est. cost \$2,300-\$2,500)

Portland- July 6-13 (est. cost \$1,200)

NYC- November 8-11 (est. cost \$1,000)

If you are interested in participating in any of these trips, especially the Spring Guatemala and Vermont trips, contact Tommy Perry or Charles Uptain for Guatemala and Tommy Perry or Roger Simpler for Vermont. We look forward to the ministry work God has given to us for 2024, so join us in these efforts.

I WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT:

My Decision Today:

I trusted Jesus as Savior.

I’d like to join Calvary Baptist Church.

I believe God is calling me into ministry/mission.

Please have a pastor or elder contact me.

If you would like to speak with someone about one of the items noted above, please visit the Next Steps Kiosk before you leave today.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Pastors & Prayer Team Only

Churchwide

Connect Card

January 14, 2024

Please complete this tab, tear it off and drop it in an offering plate, or in the boxes by the exits.

- Please update my information
- Please contact me about membership

I am a:

- First Time Guest
- Attender
- Member

Name

Address

City

State/Zip

Male Female

Married Single

Birthdate (mm/dd/yy)

Home Phone

Cell Phone

Spouse

Spouse's Birthdate (mm/dd/yy)

Children:

Name / Date of Birth

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Please complete the additional information on the back of this tab, if applicable.

January 14, 2024

January Missions Spotlight

Dare to Hope (Local Missions Partner)

Dare to Hope is a ministry bringing the hope of Jesus Christ to women who are hurting and hopeless due to exploitation. They serve those who are at risk of exploitation and exist to provide spiritual and emotional support as well as practical solutions that foster healing and wholeness for women leading them from vulnerability to stability. If you would like to learn more about the ministry work of Dare to Hope, you can visit daretohope.net. Prayer needs can be found on the prayer cards at the missions kiosk in the Fellowship Center foyer.

Good Churches (Global Missions Partner)

Good Churches partners with churches and individuals in the USA for the purpose of supporting and providing church-based programs that train national, indigenous pastors in strategic cities with massive gospel need. The aim of Good Churches is to plant good churches efficiently and effectively among the unreached. If you would like to learn more about the work of Good Churches, you can visit goodchurches.org. For prayer needs, pick up a prayer card at the missions kiosk in the Fellowship Center foyer.

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Zach Daniels.....	Children
Reagan Farris.....	Students
Randy Hunt.....	Senior Adults

Calvary Missions Totals for 2023

Global Missions miles traveled = approx. 56,000

Global Missions participants = 75

Global Missions first time participants to a particular place = 34

Global Missions participants that participated in multiple trips = 12

Local Missions participants = 50+

Annie Armstrong = \$37,230

Lottie Moon = \$180,854 (as of 1/10/24)

Cooperative Program = \$288,847

Global Missions = \$751,527

Local Missions = \$44,477

Open Classes

The purpose of Open Classes is to teach biblical doctrine across the spectrum of Christian life, create environments where members can interact with as many members as possible, develop and train teachers of biblical doctrine, and train members to pass along what they learn.

For a complete list of the current Open Classes offered, go to calvarydothan.com/open-classes/.

THE PEOPLE CAME...

January 7

Life Group: 464

10:00 Worship: 656

5:00 Worship: 154

Hispanic Church: 115

Neighborhood Church (NY): 25

THE PEOPLE GAVE...

General Fund

Given December 31: \$330,716.24

2023 Y-T-D Budget

Surplus (Deficit): \$70,978.82

Given January 7: \$85,326.67

Lottie Moon: \$180,854.00

NAVIGATORS BIBLE READING PLAN

Week 3, January 14-20

○ Matt 5:13-20, Acts 7:1-38, Ps 11, Gen 27-28

○ Matt 5:21-32, Acts 7:39-60, Ps 12, Gen 29-30

○ Matt 5:33-48, Acts 8:1-25, Ps 13, Gen 31

○ Matt 6:1-15, Acts 8:26-40, Ps 14, Gen 32-33

○ Matt 6:16-24, Acts 9:1-19, Ps 15, Gen 34-35

Sunday Schedule

8:30am Life Groups & Open Classes

10:00am Worship, Fellowship Center

Kid's Worship, Grades 1-5,

Chapel (except 1st Sunday)

11:00am Worship Broadcast on JoyFM

94.3/96.1 with a 1 wk delay.

5:00pm Family Worship, Sanctuary

Childcare for Babies-K3

STAFF ON CALL

Sunday, January 14:

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Sunday, January 21:

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SERMON SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 21

10am

The Prophet of Jesus

Matthew 3:1-12

Message by Paul Thompson

5pm

Voices of Comfort for God's People

Isaiah 40:1-11

Message by Tommy Perry

Wednesday Schedule

6:00pm Open Classes, D-Groups, Life

Groups

Birth-K5, Preschool Bldg

Grades 1-5, Chapel

Grades 6-12, Student Room

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room



I'm New Here

We're so glad you've joined us for worship today and would love to be able to share more with you about our church.

To fill out a digital Connect Card or learn more about Calvary, please use your smartphone camera to scan the QR Code or you can fill out the Connect Card in this bulletin and place it in the offering plate or in one of the offering boxes when you exit the Fellowship Center.

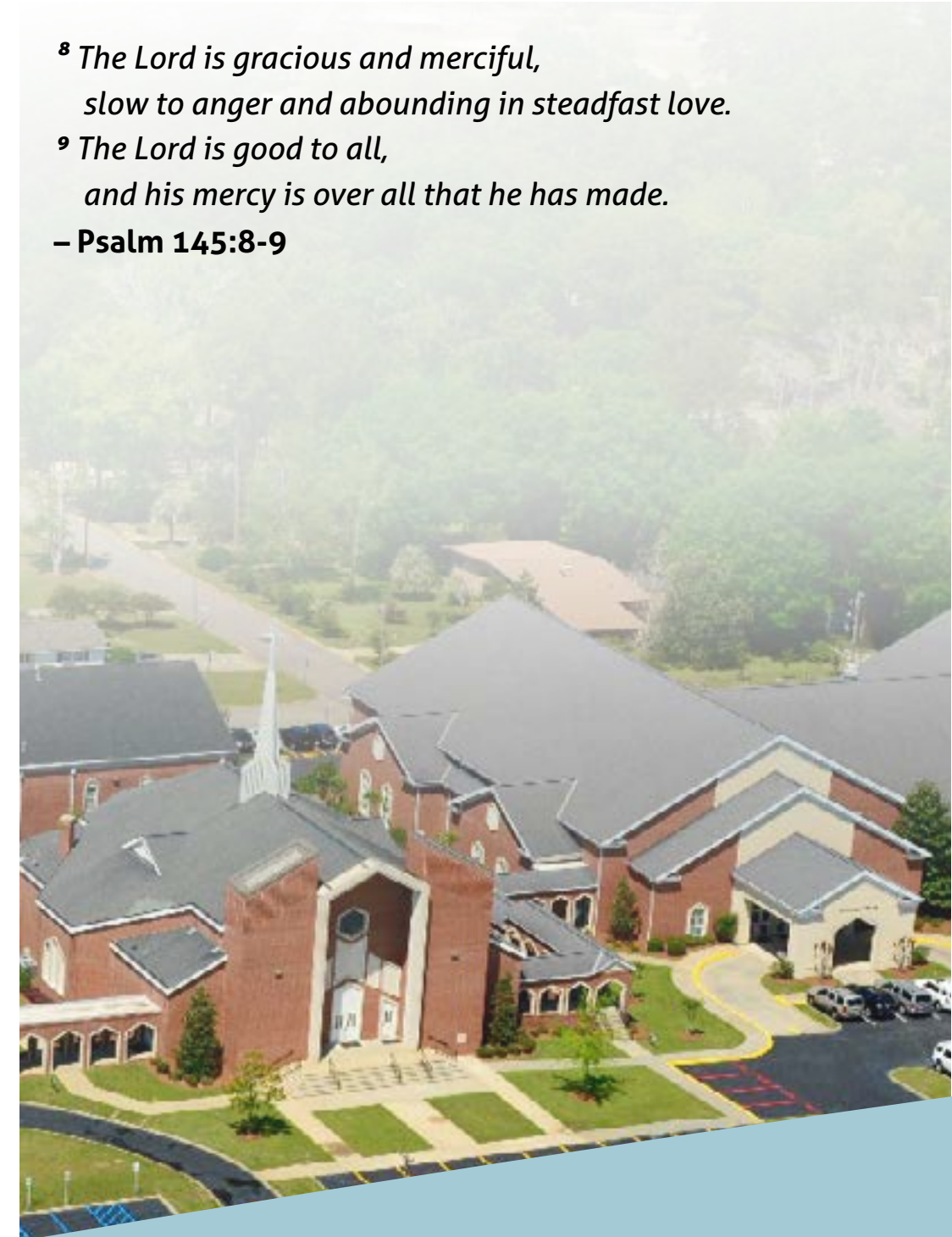
Also, be sure to stop by our Next Steps table after the service for a gift from us!

How to Become a Christian

Want more information about how to become a Christian? Go to calvarydothan.com/how-to-become-a-christian/.

If you would like to view a pdf of today's AM sermon notes, go to calvarydothan.com/messages.

⁸ *The Lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.*
⁹ *The Lord is good to all,
and his mercy is over all that he has made.*
– Psalm 145:8-9



WELCOME TO
Calvary
BAPTIST CHURCH