

Guest List

Unexpected Christmas – Part 1
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The Bible - is a collection of ancient manuscripts, all telling the story of Jesus.

The story - was to present proof that Jesus was and is the Messiah.

¹The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. ²Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, Matthew 1:1-2 (ESV)

³Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar Matthew 1:3 (ESV)

³Perez the father of Hezron . . . ⁴Ram the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, ⁵and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, Matthew 1:3-5 (ESV)

⁵Obed the father of Jesse, ⁶And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, Matthew 1:5,6 (ESV)

Matthew knew that sin was the issue that Jesus came to address.

As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he rose and followed him. Matthew 9:9 (ESV)

Matthew knew from personal experience that it was for the unfaithful and sinners that Jesus had come.

But when he heard it, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.

Matthew 9:12 (ESV)

Memory Verse:

Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."

Matthew 9:13 (ESV)

Matthew understood that the arrival of Jesus signaled something new.

My wish for you this Christmas:

If you're . . .

Coming to God because of the good you've done;

Or staying away from God because of the bad you've done;

Is that. . .

You will come to God Based upon what Christ has done.

Next Steps:

Memorize Matthew 9:13

Become a follower of Christ today, based upon what He has done.

Express the radical love of Christmas in a practical way by inviting others to Part 2 of An Unexpected Christmas: *An Unexpected Candidate.*

Make a sacrificial commitment to the Christmas Offering