



*Christmas*  
AT ROCK CREEK

**CHRISTMAS  
COMMUNION**  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup> AT 9:00 AM & 10:45 AM

**CANDLELIGHT  
CHRISTMAS SERVICES**  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup> AT 7:00 PM  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup> AT 4:00 PM

IF THIS IS YOUR  
**FIRST TIME**  
...THANKS FOR JOINING US!

WE WOULD LOVE TO MEET YOU! STOP AND MEET A PASTOR  
TO THE RIGHT OF THE STAGE AFTER THE SERVICE.



**SCAN**  
THE CODE  
FOR A LIST OF  
IMPORTANT  
ROCK CREEK LINKS!



THE STORY OF CHRISTMAS

*Backstage  
Obedience*

SERMON BY GREG KIRKSEY



# Backstage Obedience

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*Blessed are those who hear God's word and obey it.*

**LUKE 11:28**

## FOCAL PASSAGE: MATTHEW 1:18-25

<sup>18</sup> This is how Jesus the Messiah was born. His mother, Mary, was engaged to be married to Joseph. But before the marriage took place, while she was still a virgin, she became pregnant through the power of the Holy Spirit.

<sup>19</sup> Joseph, to whom she was engaged, was a righteous man and did not want to disgrace her publicly, so he decided to break the engagement quietly.

<sup>20</sup> As he considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream. "Joseph, son of David," the angel said, "do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. For the child within her was conceived by the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup> And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

<sup>22</sup> All of this occurred to fulfill the Lord's message through his prophet:

<sup>23</sup> "Look! The virgin will conceive a child!  
She will give birth to a son,  
and they will call him Immanuel,  
which means 'God is with us.'"

<sup>24</sup> When Joseph woke up, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded and took Mary as his wife. <sup>25</sup> But he did not have sexual relations with her until her son was born. And Joseph named him Jesus.

## BACKSTAGE OBEDIENCE:

### 1. IS USUALLY \_\_\_\_\_

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"But suppose the man's accusations are true, and he can show that she was not a virgin. The woman must be taken to the door of her father's home, and there the men of the town must stone her to death, for she has committed a disgraceful crime in Israel by being promiscuous while living in her parent's home."

Deuteronomy 22: 20-21

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### 2. IS OFTEN \_\_\_\_\_

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'You do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men.'

Then He called the crowd to Him along with His disciples and said: 'If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me and for the gospel will save it.'" Mark 8: 34-35 (NIV)

### 3. IS ALWAYS \_\_\_\_\_

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