



“UNEXPECTED NEWS”

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Have you ever received bad news that turned out to be good?

In the World’s Bad News, Listen for God’s Good News:

I. The world’s _____

Matthew 1:18–19 *Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah was as follows: when His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be pregnant by the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ And her husband Joseph, since he was a righteous man and did not want to disgrace her, planned to send her away secretly. (NASB)*

II. ...is redeemed with _____

Matthew 1:20–23 *But when he had thought this over, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; for the Child who has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will give birth to a Son; and you shall name Him Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.” ²² Now all this took place so that what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet would be fulfilled: ²³ “BEHOLD, THE VIRGIN WILL CONCEIVE AND GIVE BIRTH TO A SON, AND THEY SHALL NAME HIM IMMANUEL,” which translated means, “GOD WITH US.” (NASB)*

III. ...and becomes _____.

Matthew 1:24–25 *And Joseph awoke from his sleep and did as the angel of the Lord commanded him, and took Mary as his wife, ²⁵ but kept her a virgin until she gave birth to a Son; and he named Him Jesus. (NASB)*

Main point: _____.



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Something to take home and chew on!

1. How have you seen God redeem the bad news in your life and turn it into God’s good news?

2. What bad news are you facing in life right now? What scares you about this bad news?

3. What could you do to listen for God's good news in the midst of the world's bad news?

4. When do you tend to live by the world's bad news? When do you tend to live by God's promises? How would your life be different if you consistently lived under the power of the promise rather than the power of the curse?

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ANSWER KEY:

- I. **BAD NEWS**
- II. **GOD'S GOOD NEWS**
- III. **OUR GOOD NEWS**

Main point: **IN THE MIDST OF THE WORLD'S BAD NEWS, BELIEVE IN GOD'S GOOD NEWS.**