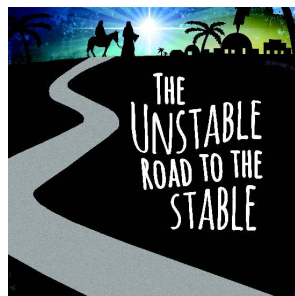


December 4, 2016

"Unstably to the Stable"

Matthew 1:18-25



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INTRODUCTION

The Nativity Story:

Matthew 1:20

Does Christmas scare you?

The two most significant events in the Cosmos:

Bill Bryson:

Matthew 1:23

C.S. Lewis:

"The Unstable Road to the Stable"

Joseph:

I. "TAKE _____ ROAD"

Matthew 1:18

Engaged:

W.H. Auden:

John White:

Matthew 1:19

Matthew 1:20

II. SHAME DEAD ENDS AT THE _____

Matthew 1:21

The M.O. of Jesus:

Necessary Shame:

Maureen Jais-Mick:

Tim Keller:

III. SUMMON THE _____ TO TAKE THE JOURNEY

The intersection:

Matthew 1:20

Matthew 1:21

Matthew 1:24

Matthew 1:25

Stress:

It takes courage ...

1. ... to bear the world's _____

2. ... to give up our right to _____

3. ... to admit the _____ of _____

IV. TURN YOUR EYES TO THE GREAT _____

Matthew 1:22-23

Charles Foster:

Matthew 1:1-17

Martin Luther:

Hebrews 12:2

Frederick Buechner:

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER