



Advent 2006
The Dreams of Christmas

Part One: Following In the Dark
Matthew 1:18-25

Introduction to the Series
Dreams as a metaphor for life in the dark
Knowing in part (1 Corinthians 13:12)
The virgin birth wakes us up
Above the laws of nature (Colossians 1:17)
Miracles as detours
A God Who will catch us off-guard (Isaiah 55:8)

Learning from Joseph's Conundrum
What about Isaiah 7:14?
Expect the Unexpected
Holding expectations suspect
Humility, relativism, and legalism
Expect To be Puzzled
Sometimes the dark is not accidental
Ambiguity as an incubator for faith
Negotiate the Darkness With Two Feet
Just and compassionate (verse 19)
Grace and truth in Jesus (John 1:14; 8:11)
God Breaks Into 'Dreams' at the Right Time
No need for paralysis
Listen without the fear of silence