Dec. 11, 2022 Luke 2:3-18

Uncontrolled Mayhem

1). The Pregnancy-- was out of control

Matthew 1:18 (NIV) This is how the birth of <u>Jesus the Messiah</u> came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but <u>before they came together</u>, she was found to be <u>pregnant through the Holy Spirit</u>.

¹⁹ Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. ²⁰ But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, <u>do not be afraid</u> to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.

2). The Timing—was out of control.

Luke 2:3 (NIV) And everyone went to their own town to register. ⁴ So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. ⁵ He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.

3). The Conditions Jesus was born in—were out of control

⁶ While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, ⁷ and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

Luke 2:11 (NIV) Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Luke 2:19 (NIV) But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.

Treasure: find what's truly important

Ponder: think carefully about something.