



Christmas Service

25 Dec, Wednesday, 11a.m.

Followed by a sumptuous Christmas lunch!



“Christmas isn’t
Christmas...”



Why is this God
worth knowing?



The Promises
of Christmas.

Promise

Who's the
Promisor?

The *Promise* of Christmas
itself started with God.

Isaiah 7:14

Therefore, the Lord himself will give you a sign.
Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and shall call his name Immanuel.

The story of Mary

Luke 1:26-38 (NIV)



The story of
Mary

The Lord is
with you.



The *Promise* of Christmas
happened
- to an unlikely candidate

You will conceive and
give birth to a son,

...and you are to call him
JESUS.

The Holy Spirit will come on you,
and the power of the Most High
will overshadow you.

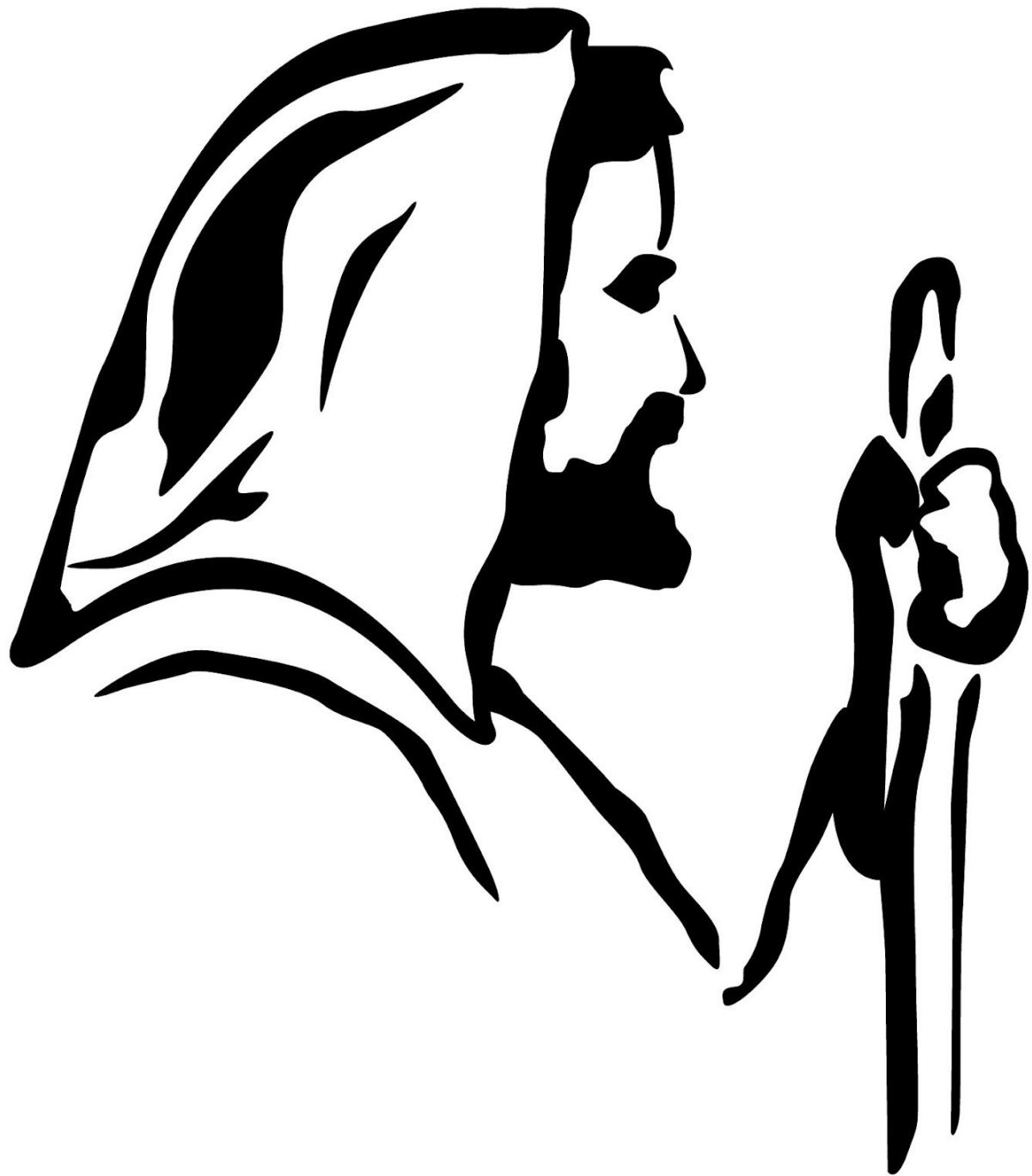
May your word to
me be fulfilled.

Blessed is she who has believed
that the Lord would fulfill
His *promises* to her! (v45)



The *Promise* of Christmas
happened

- to unlikely people who believed

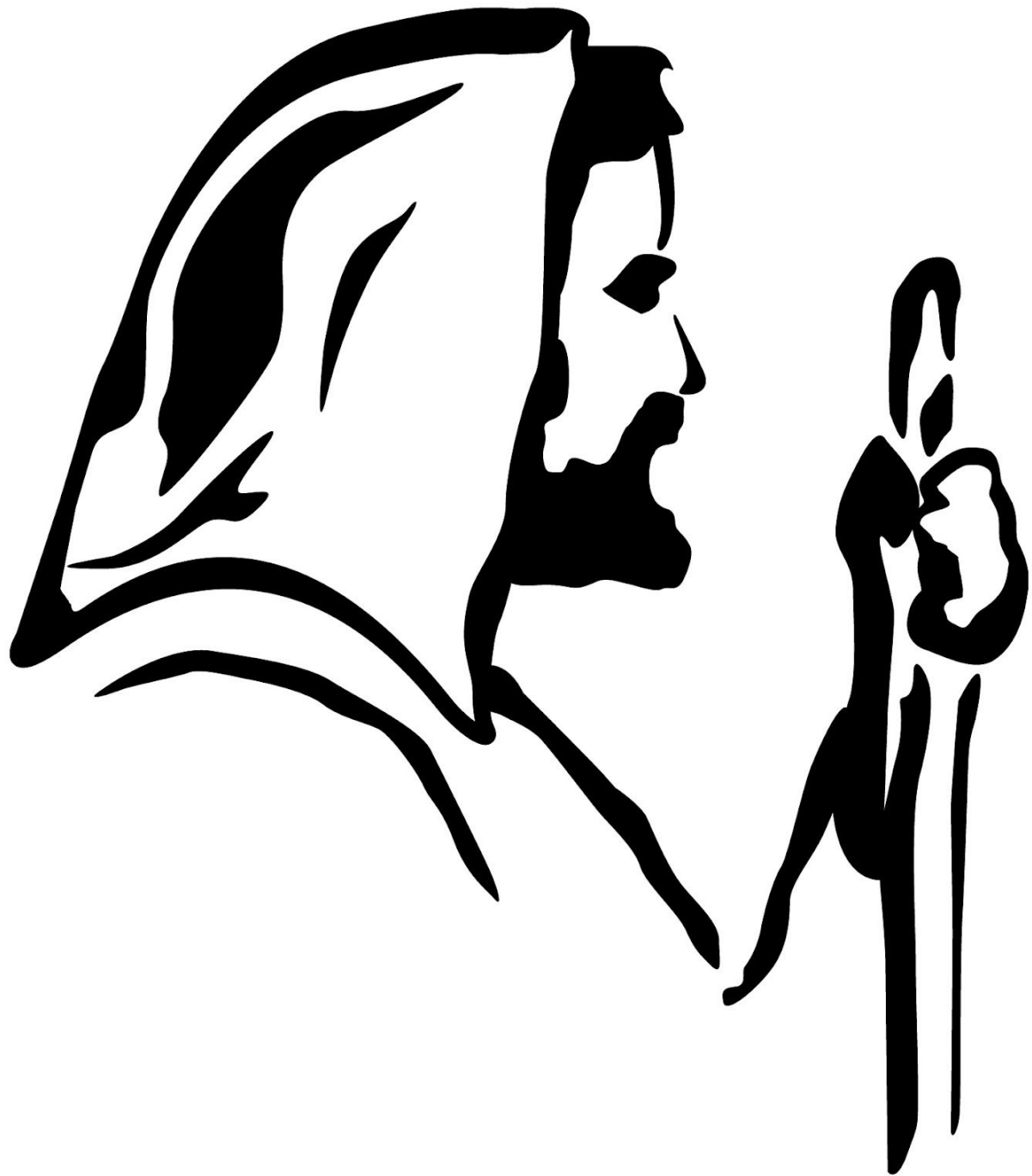


Mary's fiancé,
Joseph

Matthew 1:18-25
(NIV)

Do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.

She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins.



Mary's fiancé,
Joseph

When Joseph woke up,
he did what the angel of
the Lord had commanded
him and took Mary home
as his wife. (v24)

The *Promise* of Christmas
happened

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Mary's son,
Jesus

Luke 2:1-7 (NIV)

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth... to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem.

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-to unlikely people who believed
- at unexpected places

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth... to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem.

And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth...

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Mary's son,
Jesus

God came near...

1st Christmas

He came... as
promised

This Christmas

Don't miss
Him...

The *Promise* of Christmas
happened

- to unlikely people who believed
- at unexpected places
- at unpredictable hours

Titus 2:11-12

God's marvelous grace has manifested *in person*, bringing salvation for everyone. This same grace teaches us how to live each day as we turn our backs on ungodliness and indulgent lifestyles and it equips us to live self-controlled, upright, godly lives in this present age.