



JOURNEY
"Our Journey with Jesus"

How Did We Get Here?

Matthew 1:2-17

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A. God doesn't always accomplish His plans in the way that aligns with our expectations

1. He often uses the most _____ way (Matt 1:2-6; Isa 55:8,9)

2. He uses those who _____ Him, but even uses those who _____ Him (Matt 1:7-11)

3. He uses _____ people, and those regarded as _____ (Matt 1:12-16; Matt 20:26-28)

➤ God's way of accomplishing His plan is always the best way – it demonstrates His _____ (1 Tim 1:12-14)

B. God's timing doesn't always align with our expectations

1. He often doesn't take action _____ we expect Him to take action (Matt 1:17; Psalm 13:2, 89:46, 119:84)

2. He often chooses what we perceive to be the most _____ time (Matt 1:17; Gal 4:4,5)

3. His promises are not _____ or _____ by perceived delays (2 Pet 3:8-10; Rom 11:25)

➤ God's timing is always the best timing – it demonstrates His _____ (Eph 1:7-10)

C. God is in _____ | – He can and will use the most improbable circumstances by His mercy and grace to accomplish His purposes in His time (Psalm 135:6; Heb 2:8,9)