

### **Content**

Through the advent season leading up to Christmas we are exploring the theme of the unfolding mystery of Christ. Beginning with the book of Genesis and today exploring the history of the exodus we are tracing the mystery of Christ through the Scriptures. Christianity is the story of salvation and understanding the mystery involves knowing the story of salvation. This morning we are answering the question what do we learn from this early history in the book of Exodus about salvation? We learn three things. First, we learn that understanding the mystery is about the drama of deliverance. We began last week to look at Genesis 3:15 and the first promise of salvation given by God. The remainder of the Bible is an unfolding of this promise of deliverance. The second point is that the mystery is about covenant community. The book of Exodus describes God's relationship with His covenant people, Israel. The last point is that the mystery is about the wonderment of worship. The exodus leads to worship. Salvation is about God forming a people for Himself for His own glory.

### **Gospel Connections**

Luke 9:30-31 is part of Jesus' transfiguration and says, "***And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.***" The Greek word for departure is the word exodus. So Jesus is speaking with Moses and Elijah about His own exodus. And where was Jesus' exodus to be fulfilled? Jerusalem. And what was about to happen at Jerusalem? Jesus' death. Jesus was about to die. For Jesus to fulfill His exodus and deliver His covenant people and bring them by grace into a life of worship would take His dying for them.

### **Application and Discussion Questions**

1. What did you learn from this sermon? Specifically
  - a. What insights did you learn?
  - b. What questions do you have? Are there any areas you don't understand?
  - c. What areas of your life (be specific) do you sense God wants to change as a result of this passage of Scripture?
  
2. What is the promise of Genesis 3:15? How is this promise threatened by the story of Moses and Israel?

3. What do you learn about grace from this narrative? How does grace lead to the wonderment of worship?