

Sermon Notes – November 16, 2025

Title: All Alone: When Life Unravels
Series: Heart-Pounding Christmas #2
Bible Text: Matthew 1:18-25
Speaker: Pastor Mike Kleven



Introduction

- **Christmas amplifies loneliness:**
empty seats, expectations.
- **Surveys:** 61% expect loneliness
37% would skip holidays.
- **Isolation echoes our separation from God;**
But Jesus enters our mess.

1. Heart-Pounding Loneliness (Matt. 1:18-19)

- **Shock and confusion:**
Mary's pregnancy shatters trust.
- **Heartbreak and betrayal:**
Dreams of future gone.

2. Heart-Pounding Decision (Matt. 1:19)

- **Inner conflict:**
Uphold law vs. show mercy.

- **Isolation:**
Deliberating alone, loss of shared future.
- **Joseph's compassion mirrors God's mercy.**

3. Heart-Pounding Mission Partnership (Matt. 1:20-25)

- **Angel's message:**
Do not fear; child from Holy Spirit.
- **Reasons:**
The child is born not from sin, but for salvation from sins.

The child is Immanuel—God with us.
- **Fulfillment:**
Forgiveness come when God's presence return.

Application

Do not fear; let Jesus transform isolation into belonging.

1. **Acknowledge the ache in prayer**
2. **Listen and obey God's "do not fear"**
3. **Serve the lonely**

Jesus turns isolation into meaning-filled belonging.

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Title: Jesus Is The Answer
Series: “Really?” #7
Bible Text: Colossians 1:15-20
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Headlines Shout Division

- “My party is ultimately good; the other side is evil.”
- Turns everything into a power struggle.
- Romans 13: Government is God-ordained, but politicism makes politics your identity and savior.

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- “Only science gives real knowledge; faith is superstition.”
 - Dismisses meaning, ethics, beauty.
 - Genesis 1:28 calls us to steward creation making science a useful tool. But Scientism _____ the tool and ignores the _____.

Politicism and Scientism promise to answer the world needs. Both _____.

Jesus is the answer the world needs today:

1. Jesus _____ Over All Creation
Visible and invisible, thrones and powers.
(vv. 15–16).
2. Jesus _____ Before Everything and _____
Everything Together. (v. 17).
3. Jesus _____ Everything through His _____
on the Cross (vv. 19–20).

We vs. They

- Politicism: _____ Tribe vs. _____ Tribe
- Scientism: Bright vs. _____

The “Us” in Jesus

- All have sinned
- All can be reconciled to God and each other through Jesus

To Consider:

- Have I tied my worth to a political tribe or my own intellect?
- Will I let Jesus be the answer for me today?