

## “Deliverer”

Series: Advent

Read: Exodus 1: 8-14, Exodus 2: 23-25, Exodus 14: 29- 31, **Matthew 1: 21**

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**delivered; delivering** \ di-'li-v(ə-)rɪŋ , dē- \

### **Definition of *deliverer***

One who saves from danger or destruction

**Synonym:** Liberator, protector, defender, hero, savior

- Describe a way in which the world deceives us about the miracle of Christmas. How does the secular world try to portray Christmas as a time to give presents, and leave out the miraculous reason Christmas exists at all?
- Who is God to you? When you think of God, do you see him primarily as a father figure? As a king? As a ruler? As a creator? As a savior? As a deliverer?
  - If a friend who was not a Christian asked you to explain to them who God was, how would you respond?
- Today’s message focuses on God as a deliverer. How do you see God as the deliverer?
- The Israelites were forced into slavery in Egypt. While none of us know that feeling, are there comparisons to be made between physical slavery and spiritual/mental slavery? In other words, describe the concept of being a “slave to addiction,” or a “slave to sin,” etc.
- God knows us, and our struggles. How do you know that God understands your situation? How do we know that God appreciates the struggles we go through? Do you have Bible verses to reassure you of this?
  - (1 Corinthians 8:3, Psalm 139: 7-12, Jeremiah 29: 11, Exodus 33: 17)
- God hears us. When we pray, when we speak to God, he hears us. Where in the Bible do we find assurance that God hears our prayers?
  - (1 Peter 3: 12, Psalm 34: 15, Psalm 145: 19)
- God Intervenes for us. How have you seen God intervene in your life?
- As we approach Christmas, what are some ways we can focus on the true meaning of the season, and keep our focus on what Christmas is supposed to be about for the Christian?
- How can we go above and beyond in this season to help those most in need, and show the love of Christ to the community?