

The Case For Christmas

Why Was Joseph Chosen As The Savior's Daddy?

Matthew 1:18-25

Put Your MOST difficult situation Next to JOSEPH'S.

Today, God shows us Decisions of this Magnitude require Extraordinary Faith, even if you're just an Ordinary Person.

When we Trust & Obey God, He Unfolds His Plans & Purposes FOR US & in Joseph's case, FOR the Whole World.

1. JOSEPH'S DISCOVERY OF MARY'S BABY. (v.18)

- God's Word Prohibited Sex before marriage, THEN just as it DOES NOW...
- So, just "HOW" did that Happen?
- Neither her family nor Joseph Believed Mary's story about Gabriel's Visit.

2. JOSEPH'S DILEMMA OVER MARY'S BABY. (v.19)

- Is it Possible Mary CHEATED on him? Was she RAPED? OR Is there a 3rd OPTION?
- Had Mary Really been Chosen by God to be the Mother of the Messiah?
- If so, WHERE did that Leave Joseph?

3. JOSEPH'S DREAM ABOUT MARY'S BABY. (v.20)

- What a Relief to hear from GOD regarding Mary's Baby.
- WHAT Was God's EXPLANATION?
- What Was God's INSTRUCTION? (v.21)
- What Was God's REVELATION? (v.23)

4. JOSEPH'S DECISION ABOUT MARY'S BABY. (vv.24-25)

- What Happened in Joseph's life is a Picture of What Happens in OURS.
- Joseph Didn't Know all the Details but he KNEW GOD DID...
- Joseph Never SPOKE a Word in the Christmas story...but What he DID Speaks Volumes to us ALL.
- Joseph Developed an attitude that said, "Lord, if You SAY it, I'll DO it."
- "AnyWHERE, Any TIME at Any COST."
- It's a Happy Day in the life of a Believer when we Just say, "YES!"
- In the Generations to come, will Someone look back on YOUR life & say, "Thank God"

They Obeyed.