

## Joseph – Quietly faithful

Matthew 1:18-25

- I. Joseph's dilemma – Mary was pregnant (1:18-20).
  - A. Mary was found to be pregnant during betrothal (18).
  - B. Joseph decided to “divorce” Mary quietly (19-20).
    - *God gives the privilege of service to those who seek to do what is both right and kind.*
  
- II. Joseph's angelic visit – Mary's baby would be the Savior (1:21-23).
  - A. Name him Jesus – An angel told Joseph to take Mary as his wife and name the baby Jesus (20-21).
    - Mary's baby was conceived by the Holy Spirit so Joseph could confidently marry her.
    - Joseph should name Jesus as his adoptive dad.
    - Jesus' name would express His purpose of saving people from sin.
  - B. They will call him Immanuel – Jesus could save from sin because he was God AND man (22-23).
    - God foretold the virgin birth through Isaiah.
    - Immanuel means “With us is God.”
  
- III. Joseph's obedience – Joseph trusted God and did all God asked (1:24-25).
  - A. Joseph unquestioningly married Mary.
  - B. Joseph willingly kept Mary a virgin until the birth.
  - C. Joseph embraced the father role by naming Jesus.
    - *God gives the privilege of service to those who unquestioningly obey him in spite of the costs.*