

## THE MAN GOD TRUSTED WITH HIS SON

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### I. JOSEPH'S DILEMMA: MARY WAS BETROTHED BUT PREGNANT (MATTHEW 1:18-19).

- A. When Mary is pregnant Joseph assumes she is guilty (18).
- B. Joseph is righteous, but wants to be kind to Mary (19).
  - Joseph's option #1 – Publicly divorce Mary to save face.
  - Joseph's option #2 – Quietly divorce Mary to show grace.
  - Joseph wanted to keep the law but show grace to Mary.

### II. GOD'S INTERVENTION: AN ANGEL TOLD JOSEPH ABOUT THE VIRGIN BIRTH (MATTHEW 1:20-21).

- A. God trusted Joseph to be a husband to Mary (20).
  - *Take Mary home as your wife because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit – Miraculous virgin birth.*
- B. God trusted Joseph to be a dad to Jesus (21).
  - *Give Him the name Jesus – To name is to adopt a child.*
- C. Jesus fulfilled Isaiah's prophecy of the virgin birth so Jesus was God and man to be able to save from sin (22-23; Isaiah 7:14).
  - *He had to be born as man in order to die.*
  - *He had to be God for his death to pay for our sins.*

### III. JOSEPH'S OBEDIENCE: JOSEPH DID ALL GOD ASKED HIM TO DO (MATTHEW 1:24-25).

- A. Joseph unquestioningly married Mary (24).

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- Joseph accepted undeserved moral stigma (John 8:41).
- B. Joseph willingly kept Mary a virgin until the birth (25a).
- C. Joseph embraced the father role by naming Jesus (25b).
  - Joseph humbly obeyed God by raising Jesus and other children while working as a carpenter (Matthew 13:55).