

Matthew 1:18-25

“Unsung Hero”

Joseph – Earthly Father of Jesus

Matthew 1:18

¹⁸ This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about^[a]: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit.

The Sin of Adultery

Deuteronomy 22:20-21

²⁰ If, however, the charge is true and no proof of the young woman's virginity can be found,

²¹ she shall be brought to the door of her father's house and there the men of her town shall stone her to death. She has done an outrageous thing in Israel by being promiscuous while still in her father's house. You must purge the evil from among you.

Joseph was Caring

Matthew 1:19

¹⁹ Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet^[b] did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

Joseph was Obedient

Matthew 1:20-24

²⁰ But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit”.

²¹ She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus,^[c] because he will save his people from their sins.”

²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet:

²³ “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel”^[d] (which means “God with us”).

²⁴ When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife.

Joseph was Obedient

Matthew 2:13-15

¹³ When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. “Get up,” he said, “take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him.”

*¹⁴ **So he got up**, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt,*

¹⁵ where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: “Out of Egypt I called my son.”^[a]

Joseph was Righteous

Matthew 1:25

²⁵ But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

What Makes Joseph So Special?

- Joseph was Caring
- Joseph was Obedient
- Joseph was Righteous

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