

The Forgotten Man of Christmas

Matthew 1:18-25

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¹⁸ This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about^[d]: 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. ¹⁹ Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet^[e] did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

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,^[f] 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"^[g] (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. ²⁵ But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

Joseph is remarkably simple and simply remarkable in his obedience.

The forgotten man of Christmas shows us a great lesson. He acted with an obedience that outran any of the other major characters in the story of Jesus' birth.

Zecharias Luke 1:18 said to the angel, "How shall I know this? I'm an old man. My wife is well advanced in years." Zecharias met the command of God with a _____.

Mary, Luke 1:34,. Mary said to the angel, "How can this be since I know not a man?" Mary met that command with a _____

Joseph responded with immediate _____. "He took her to be his wife and did not touch her until that holy thing was born."

In fact, Joseph has an obedience that outshines many of the major characters of the Bible.

Moses "Who am I that You who send me?"

Isaiah "I'm a man of unclean lips."

Jeremiah "I'm too young. I can't speak."

Amos "I don't have the credentials to be a prophet."

Joseph---This Forgotten Man of Christmas teach us **4 things** about obedience---

1. We can obey God in _____

The phrase "He was a **just** man." has **two meanings**.

1. "just" means, he was a _____
2. "just," It means to be _____, to be _____,

2. We can obey God in _____

"Joseph, son of David, **do not be afraid** to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit."

"Stop being afraid of obedience."

3. Obeying God has _____

It has

i. _____ **Consequences**

verse 24 and 25. "He did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took Mary to be his wife."

ii. _____ **Consequences**

4. The _____ of obeying God

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What do you need to DO TO be obedient in this morning?

Salvation---

Recommitment—

Membership---

EXPERIENCE THE JOY OF IMMEDIATE OBEDIENCE.