



Advent 2020

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I. Description of Joseph

The Biblical record of Joseph is not very extensive. List the various things that you know about Joseph.

What does Matthew 1:18 tell you about the marital status of Mary and Joseph? How was betrothal different than being engaged to be married?

What does the first part of Matthew 1:19 tell us about Joseph's faith?

Many translations describe Joseph as "righteous". How would you define someone being "righteous"?

What kinds of things are memorable to you about the man Joseph?

II. Crisis of Joseph

Matthew 1:18 describes a very difficult situation that Joseph found himself in. What was this situation?

What do you think was the conclusion of Joseph?

What were the ramifications for Joseph?

What was Joseph's solution?

Why was this solution based on Joseph being a righteous man and faithful to the law?

What was the risk to Mary as it relates to being publicly disgraced and divorced? Consider Deuteronomy 22:23

III. The Angel's Intervention

What was the way that God gave the message to Joseph?

What is Joseph told to do by the angel in Matthew 1:20?

What do you think Joseph would have feared?

What would it mean for Joseph to "take Mary home as his wife"?

How does the angel describe the conception in Matthew 1:20?

What does the name "Jesus" mean in Matthew 1:21? What is significant about this?

What does Matthew 1:22-23 tell us about birth of Jesus? What is the meaning of the name Immanuel?

What is the response of Joseph?