

CHRISTMAS CALAMITIES—SERMON # 1

Joseph's Jeopardy Matthew 1:18-25

I. THE JEOPARDY OF _____ (vs.18-19)

- Joseph was forced to “think the unthinkable”—his wife must have been _____ during their engagement!
- Two lessons offered here:
 - (1) Our commitment to *righteousness* must always be balanced with _____.
 - (2) We must patiently wait for God to _____ certain matters.

II. THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE _____ (vs. 20-22)

- There is most definitely a difference between “_____” dreams and “spiritual dreams.”
- This pregnancy was _____ the laws of nature—Mary was suddenly expecting a child whose Father was **God Almighty**.
- “Jesus” is such a beautiful name—it is the Greek form of the name “Joshua,” and it means “_____ saves.”
- Two contemporary lessons for us:
 - (1) God is still _____.
 - (2) Jesus is still _____ people from their sins.

III. THE _____ OF THE PROPHECY (vs. 22-23)

- The great Creator of the Universe was here on earth *personally* and *visibly* because Jesus Christ does not just _____ God—He *is* God!

IV. THE COMPLIANCE WITH THE _____ (vs.24-25)

- When God speaks clearly to us, we must be willing to abruptly *change our minds* and *change our* _____.
- The arrival of The _____ on planet earth would be the single-most *important* event since the creation of Adam and Eve.