

Joseph: Chosen of God

Can you imagine being chosen to raise and care for the Son of God?

Who was Joseph the Step Father of Jesus?

- **Joseph was of royal blood, a Son of David**
- **His family belonged to Bethlehem, David's City but he was residing in Nazareth of Galilee.**
- **He was a carpenter.**
- **He was a man of great character**

Character is revealed in the hard choices a person must make.

I. The CHOICES of Joseph

Matthew 1:18-19 ESV

(18) Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit.

(19) And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly.

A. Joseph chose RIGHTEOUSNESS over Reputation.

Matthew 1:20-25 ESV

(20) But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.

(21) She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." (22) All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

(23) "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us).

(24) When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, (25) but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

B. Joseph chose LOVE over Liberty.

C. Joseph chose COURAGE over Comfort.

D. Joseph chose to WORSHIP.

II. The CONSEQUENCES of Joseph's Choices.

A. Joseph chose Righteousness over reputation and gained HONOR.

B. Joseph chose Love over liberty and gained a FAMILY.

Matthew 13:55 -56 ESV

(55) Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not his mother called Mary? And are not his brothers James and Joseph and Simon and Judas?

(56) And are not all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all these things?"

C. Joseph chose Courage over comfort and gained SALVATION.

D. Joseph chose to Worship and gained IMMANUEL.

Isaiah 7:14 ESV

(14) Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

Isaiah 9:6 ESV

*(6) For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given;*

- ***Unto us a child is born – Human***
- ***Unto us a Son is given – God's Son, Divine***