

Joseph, A Just Man

Matthew 1:19-25

Intro:

- A. **So far we have seen the character of Mary.**
 - 1. She was espoused.
 - 2. She was a virgin.
- B. **But what of Joseph?**
 - 1. Did God also choose him? Was it important to the birth of His Son?
 - 2. What of his character?

I. Joseph, Her Husband. v.19

- A. **"Then Joseph her husband, being a just man..."**
 - 1. husband = ανηρ = an adult man, husband
 - 2. just = δικαιος = fulfilling all claims which are right and becoming, conforming to God's Word.
 - 3. This explains all the man's actions.
- B. **"...and not willing to make her a publick example..."**
 - 1. willing = θελω = to will, purpose. Joseph willed to protect Mary and not himself.
 - 2. δειγματιζω = "to expose publicly," "humiliate."
 - 3. If he stated that he had not had sex with Mary, she would have been thought guilty of adultery.
- C. **"...was minded to put her away privily."**
 - 1. minded = βουλομια = "be willing," "to resolve."
 - 2. απολυω = "to let loose from," "let go free."
 - 3. privily = λαθρα = "secretly," "by stealth."
 - 4. "He decided to break off the engagement privately." - Gspd.

II. The Message Of God. vs.20-21

- A. **"But while he thought on these things..."**
1. thought = ενθυμεομαι = to consider.
 2. while he was contemplating this step. - Wey.
- B. **"..behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife..."**
1. behold = ιδου = imperative. Look, listen.
 2. appeared = φαινω = "to make light," "let shine," "to throw light upon," "to appear."
 3. dream = οναρ = "a vision in sleep."
 4. The genealogy of Joseph is verified.
- C. **"...for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost..."**
1. conceived = γενναω = of woman, to bear, to bring forth.
 2. "Her child is from the Holy Spirit." - Beck.
- D. **"And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus..."**
1. Jesus = Ιησους = Jehoshua or Joshua, Jehovah the Savior.
 2. You must name him, Jesus, the saving one.
- E. **"...for he shall save his people from their sins..."**
1. save = σωζω = "to preserve safe from danger."
 2. sins = αμαρτια = "miss the mark, failure to live up to a standard or fulfill one's duty."
 3. The mission is plain. The plan is God's. The purpose is grand.

III. The Fulfilling Of Prophecy. vs. 22-23.

- A. **All of this had been prophesied.**
1. All of these things occurred.
 2. That all things prophesied.
 3. They spoke the Lord's mind.
- B. **The prophecy.**

1. virgin = παρθενος = virgin.
2. εν γαστρι = "in womb"
3. Emmanuel = "God with us".

IV. The Obedience of Joseph.

- A. **"The Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife."**
 1. "and brought him his wife." - Wey
 2. Joseph believed God, he believed Mary, he submitted to God's will and did what God said.

- B. **"And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name Jesus."**
 1. "but had no intercourse with her" - Phi
 2. "and he named the child Jesus" - Gspd.