

Day 2

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Reading: Matthew 1:18-20

In this chapter in Matthew, he mentioned that one of the children of Abraham and David's children's children was Joseph. V. 16 says, "And Jacob begot Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus who is called Christ".

At that point of history, Joseph was a young man and was engaged to a young lady named Mary. However, before they got officially married, Joseph found out that Mary was pregnant.

v.19 "Then Joseph, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly". However, the Lord God intervened in the situation. The Lord sent His angel to speak to Joseph in his dream.

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I guess when Joseph found out that Mary was pregnant, he was upset and heartbroken. Perhaps they had a heart to heart talk. Maybe Mary tried to explain to Joseph that the baby in her womb is from God. And that could have been very difficult for Joseph to believe her. Joseph may have felt betrayed. In their culture that time, if somebody was found in adultery, the person could be punished by the law. So, Joseph, though feeling hurt and betrayed, still had compassion on Mary. So, he made plans to put off the engagement quietly. He did not want to embarrass Mary in the public or be punished by their law. And Joseph 's mind was made up, he could not believe Mary's explanation. Thank the Lord that He is sovereign and had a plan. So, God sent His angel to speak to Joseph in his dream. Thus, Joseph then believed what Mary told him already. "...for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit". V.21

Reflection:

God is s sovereign over the life of His people and His plan of salvation. Mary obeyed God when Joseph almost missed it. Joseph could have had missed God's big plan for Jesus 's life, and the salvation of the world. Thank the Lord that He sent His angel to speak to Joseph. When the angel of God spoke to Mary about His plan for Jesus, Mary willingly obeyed. So, God took care of Mary as she obeyed His leading. Thank the Lord, that Joseph listened and obeyed too in the end.

Prayer:

Lord help me do Your will. Help us your children to heed and listen to Your voice. Please help us follow and obey Your leading, empower us to do Your will like Joseph and Mary , to follow Your ways. In Jesus' name.

Your Thoughts:

Your Prayer:
