

## **A CHRISTMAS TO REMEMBER for Joseph**

**READ:** (Matthew 1:18-25)

**Q. WHAT** Christmas that was memorable for you and **WHY?**

**Q. WHAT** main thing did you miss last year in lockdown that you are looking forward to enjoying again this year?

In his day, most men might have resented being called the husband of their wife (Matthew 1:16).

**(Vs.18-19)**

**Q. HOW** does God using such an ordinary man in Joseph to do such an extra ordinary thing in fathering His Son, suggest that ordinariness is no bar to usefulness?

Consider (1 Corinthians 1:28-29)

**Q. WHAT** character qualities do you see in Joseph that the Lord must have seen in him, to use Joseph as He did?

**(Vs. 20-21)**

**Q. HOW** did Joseph react to hearing about his betrothed being pregnant, and knowing he was not the father?

Consider (Deut. 22:20-22 & 24:1-4) as his options

**Q. HAVE** you ever heard news that threatened to turn your life upside down? **HOW** did you handle it and did you learn any lessons from it?

**Q. HOW** did God allay Joseph's fears, and **WHAT** does God promise when we fear acting on what He says?

(2 Corinthians 12:9 - Hebrews 13:5 - Philippians 4:19)

**(Vs.22-23)**

**Q.** HOW and WHY did Joseph understand the words of the angel? (2 Peter 1:20-21)

**Q.** HOW important is it for us to know the Bible - IF we are going to understand and know what the will of the Lord is for us in the doubt, danger & difficulties of our lives? (Romans 12:2)

F.W. Robertson wrote,

*“It is not said, after keeping God’s commandments, but in keeping them that there is great reward.”*

**(Vs.24-25)**

**Q.** HOW did Joseph react to what God was telling him through an angel to do, and WHAT did it cost him?

**Q.** IS it the cost that stops many Christians doing what God says, especially with regards to sexual purity?

**Q.** WHAT was the reward of Joseph’s obedience, and HOW does it reward us each year with a Christmas to remember?

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