

Matthew 1:18–21 (NLT)

¹⁸ This is how Jesus the Messiah was born. His mother, Mary, was engaged to be married to Joseph. But before the marriage took place, while she was still a virgin, she became pregnant through the power of the Holy Spirit.

¹⁹ Joseph, to whom she was engaged, was a righteous man and did not want to disgrace her publicly, so he decided to break the engagement quietly. (NLT)

²⁰ As he considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream. “Joseph, son of David,” the angel said, “do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. For the child within her was conceived by the Holy Spirit. (NLT)

²¹ And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins. (NLT)

JOSEPH, Jesus's Father??

Matthew 1:18-25

The Name **Jesus** specifies
What He DOES - God SAVES

The Messianic title **Immanuel** specifies
Who He IS - God WITH us

Matthew 28:19–20 (NIV)

Therefore **GO and MAKE disciples** of **ALL nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...

²⁰ and teaching them **to OBEY** everything I have commanded you. And surely **I AM with you ALWAYS**, to the very end of the age.”

People in Nazareth...

- thought Mary was **IMMORAL**
- thought Joseph and Mary were Both **IMMORAL**
- saw Jesus as an **ILLEGITIMATE** child

Mark 6:3 (NIV)

Isn't this the carpenter? Isn't this **Mary's son** and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren't his sisters here with us?"

And they took offense at him.

Joseph was...

- a **RIGHTEOUS** man
- a **COMPASSIONATE** man
- man of **FAITH**
- an **OBEDIENT** man
- a **COURAGEOUS** man

Joseph was Righteous and Compassionate

- Cared **MORE** about Mary than himself
- Knew that **FEELINGS** were **NOT** a good indication of Right or Wrong
- Believed the **TRUTH** about Mary

Galatians 2:20 (NIV)

I have been crucified with Christ and **I no longer live**, but **Christ lives in me**. The life I now live in the body, **I live by FAITH in the Son of God**, who **Loved me and gave Himself for me**.

2 Timothy 2:15 (NIV)

Do your best to present yourself to God
as one approved, a worker who does
not need to be ashamed and **who Correctly**
handles the word of truth.

Joseph was a Man of **OBEDIENCE**...

- took Mary as his wife **RIGHT AWAY**
- **NAMED** the baby Jesus
- **OBEYED** the Old Testament Law

→ **FAITH** and **OBEDIENCE** should
Walk hand in hand

Habakkuk 3:17-19 (NIV)

Though the fig tree **does not** bud and there are **no** grapes on the vines, though the olive crop **fails** and the fields produce **no** food, though there are **no** sheep in the pen and **no** cattle in the stalls,

¹⁸ **YET I will REJOICE IN the LORD,**
I will be joyful IN God my Savior.

¹⁹ The **Sovereign LORD IS my strength;**
He makes my feet like the feet of a deer,
He enables me to tread on the heights.

I will Continue to...

- **REJOICE** in the Lord
- Remember God is **SOVEREIGN**
- **TRUST** the Lord for Strength
- **SUBMIT** to Him in all things