

JOSEPH: A CHRISTMAS STORY

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BIG IDEA: Gleaning from Joseph's Christmas story and what God revealed to and through him.

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. 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. **Matthew 1:18-25** ESV

1. Everyday HERO

2. Miraculous BIRTH

Jesus... "being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he emptied himself, taking the very nature of a servant" **Philippians 2:6-7**

"You know the generous grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty he could make you rich." **2 Corinthians 8:9** NLT

3. Saving MISSION

"You were living in your sins and lawless ways. But in fact you were dead." **Ephesians 2:1** NIV

4. Fulfilled PROMISE

"I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel." **Genesis 3:15**

5. ANCHOR Event.

(like OT Festivals Passover, Tabernacles, Pentecost, Purim, etc.; NT Baptism, Communion)