

God Chose a Father for His Son
Matthew 1:18-25; 2:13-15; 2:19-23; Mark 6:3

Today is FATHERS' DAY. I want to speak about a man in the Bible... a FATHER... who is, I think, often overlooked. In some quarters he is overshadowed by the prominence given to his wife. That's not in and of itself a bad thing, just a fact. I'm talking about JOSEPH, the husband of Mary, and the chosen father of Jesus. What an inspiring model of fatherhood Joseph was.

I. A _____ MAN.

A. TOWARD _____. MATTHEW 1:19

B. TOWARD _____.

II. A _____ MAN.

A. _____ GOD.

B. MAN_of _____.

C. FAITHFUL IN HIS _____ DUTY.

III. A _____ MAN.

He lived as one who _____ THE _____.

WHAT I WILL DO WITH THIS MESSAGE: _____

Matthew 1:18-25 (NIV)

¹⁸ *This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit.* ¹⁹ *Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.*

²⁰ *But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit."* ²¹ *She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."*

²² *All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet:* ²³ *"The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us").*

²⁴ *When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife.* ²⁵ *But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.*