

A CALL TO PROTECT
The Call of Christmas
Matthew 1:18-25

WHO WAS JOSEPH?

1. JOSEPH WAS A CARPENTER.

“Isn't this the carpenter's son? Isn't his mother's name Mary...”

Matthew 13:55

2. JOSEPH WAS PLEDGED TO BE MARRIED TO MARY.

3. JOSEPH WAS THE EARTHLY FATHER OF JESUS.

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...

“I revealed Myself to those who did not ask for Me; I was found by those who did not seek Me.” Isaiah 65:1 (NIV)

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.”

Jesus, Joshua, Yeshua- “God saves.”

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”).

Immanuel- “God with us”

“Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call Him Immanuel.”

Isaiah 7:14 NIV

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.”

Matthew 1:18-25 (NIV)

4. JOSEPH WAS A GODLY MAN.

“He did what the angel of the Lord commanded him.” (vs. 24)

The Call of Christmas for Joseph was a Call to Protect.

How do you need to answer this call today?