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III. Joseph, the Husband of Mary (Matthew 1:18-25)

A. His employment

Mark 6:3 Jesus was also a Carpenter.

1. His profession – “Is not this the carpenter's son?” (Matthew 13:55)

2. His poverty – “And to offer a sacrifice... A pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons” (Luke 2:24) [see Leviticus 12:6, 8]

B. His engagement – “When...Mary was espoused to Joseph” (Matthew 1:18)

C. His embarrassment “before they came together, she was found with child” (Matthew 1:18)

1. Joseph's exasperation

2. Mary's explanation

D. His encouragement (Matthew 1:20)

1. The appearance of the Angel – “while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him”

2. The announcement of the Angel – “Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost”

E. His enlightenment (Matthew 1:22-23)

1. The Scripture fulfilled (Isaiah 7:14)

2. The Scripture fulfilled

F. His enjoyment – “And they said, Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know?” (John 6:42)

G. His exit

Joseph had the perfect child