



What Would You Do?

**You are married and learn your wife is  
pregnant**

***Deuteronomy 22:13-21 (p 227)***

**This is the story of Joseph and Mary**

***Matthew 1:18-25 (p 1111)***





Joseph's father was Heli *Luke 3:23 (p 1182)*

*Customary among the Jews to contract matrimony, and for some considerable time to leave the parties in the houses of their respective parents.*

*Deuteronomy 24:5 (p 229)*

*Luke 14:20 (p 1203)*



The cultural stipulation of marriage was essential for the birth of Jesus

*Matthew 1:23 (p 1112)*

A covenant was made *Malachi 2:14 (p 1105)*

Terminated by death, divorce, or unfaithfulness

*Deuteronomy 22:22-24 (p 227)*

**Mary knew the reason for her pregnancy**

***Luke 1:31-35 (p 1178)***

**Law of Moses called for the death of any  
espoused woman found unfaithful**

***Deuteronomy 22:23-24 (p 227)***



**The Nazarene's who attack Jesus' pre-  
sumptions to divine authority do not give the  
slightest hint of slander regarding a  
“premature”, thus illegitimate birth.**

**Matthew 13:54-58 (p 1128)**



# THE MAN JOSEPH



Feel the pain in Joseph's entire being as he is torn between his deep love for Mary and his keen consciousness of what is right before God.

Two courses to take:

- 1 – Public exposure and consequences
- 2 – Write a “bill of divorcement”

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The angel comes to Joseph to calm his troubled spirit

*Matthew 1:20-23 (p 1111)*

1. Explains why Mary is pregnant
2. She will have a SON
3. His name will be JESUS
4. His life work will be to save His people from their sins

Isaiah 7:14  
(p 790)



# THE MAN JOSEPH



Joseph does not hesitate at the calling of the angel

*Matthew 1:24 (p 1111)* He completes marriage

Another reason for Jesus to be born in Bethlehem

*Luke 2:1-7 (p 1179)*

Nazareth = = = = Bethlehem: @ 80 miles

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Luke 1:34-38 (p 1178)

Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I do not know a man?" And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God. Now indeed, Elizabeth

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Luke 1:34-38 (p 1178)

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Joseph a man of FAITH

He took on his role in the life of Jesus

*Luke 3:23 (p 1182)*

Also father of four sons and 2+ daughters

*Mark 6:1-6 (p 1158)*



Harold Fowler writes,  
"Far beyond all earthly  
joys was their supreme  
moral satisfaction of  
being submitted to  
God's will and of being  
permitted to become  
the guardians of God's  
Son."

# Acts 2:38

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Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.