

“Living Room Church” Lesson

Matthew 1:18-25 (ESV)

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.

Open It

1. Why is our society so drawn to gossip and scandal?

2. How do people typically react when facing embarrassing situations?

Explore It

3. What happened to Mary while she and Joseph were engaged? (1:18)

4. What do you think Joseph initially thought upon hearing this news about his bride-to-be? (1:18-19)

5. What positive character qualities did Joseph possess? (1:19)

6. How did Joseph plan to handle this delicate situation? (1:19)

7. How was Joseph's ancestry significant? (1:20)

8. Why did Joseph change his plans to divorce Mary? (1:20)

9. What did the angel command Joseph to name the child and why? (1:21)

10. What significant mission in life would Mary's child have? (1:21)

11. What does Immanuel mean? (1:23)

12. How did Joseph respond to the angelic message? (1:24)

Get It

13. How might you have responded in Mary's situation?
14. What would have been your reaction had you been in Joseph's situation?
15. How does it feel to know that you are innocent and yet have people attacking your character and whispering behind your back?

Apply It

16. What difficult, hard-to-swallow command of God do you need to obey today?



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for he shall save his people from their sins.

Matthew 1:21