

What Christmas Meant to...

Matthew 1:18-25

Joseph

Christmas traditions build family solidarity! Let's explore the underlying reality about Christmas that makes this season so special. What would Christmas have meant to you if you were a part of the original cast? Let's let Joseph answer that question from his perspective.

B.L.U.F. (Bottom Line Up Front): *The 1st Christmas revealed deep character.*

1. Man of D v. 20a

What is betrothal?

Options	Joseph's Choice	Joseph's Character
#1 — Marry her	Yes or No?	J _____ Man
#2 — Public Stoning	Yes or No?	L _____ Man
#3 — Private Divorce	Yes or No?	

Discernment is born out of reflection!

Philippians 4:8; Joshua 1:8; Psalm 119:97; Romans 12:1-2; Philippians 1:9-10

2. Man of O v. 24

The angelic announcement:

- Jesus is G _____ v. 23
- Jesus is m _____ v. 21a
- Only possible via the v _____ b _____ v. 23a
- Jesus' purpose is to s _____ from s _____ v. 21

Two principles re: God's guidance in perplexing times:

1st — time to r _____

2nd — desire to do r _____



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Christmas – Encouragement to Think