

“Joseph: A Man Who Always Followed God’s Plan!”

Matthew Chapters 1-2 & Luke Chapters 1-2

The Book of the **Genealogy of Jesus Christ**, the **Son of David**, the Son of Abraham ... And Jacob begot **Joseph** the husband of Mary, of whom was born **Jesus Who** is called **Christ** ...

Matthew 1:1 & 16

Now the birth of **Jesus Christ** was as follows: After **His** mother Mary was betrothed to **Joseph**, before they came together, she was found with **Child** of the **Holy Spirit**. Then **Joseph** her husband, being a **just man**, and **not wanting to make her a public example**, was **minded to put her away secretly**. But while **He (Joseph)** thought about these things, behold, an **angel of the Lord** appeared to him in a dream, saying, “**Joseph, Son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. And she will bring forth a Son, and You shall call His Name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins!**” So, all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the **Lord** through the **Prophet (Isaiah)**, saying: “**Behold, the virgin shall be with Child, and bear a Son, and They shall call His Name Immanuel,**” which is translated, “**God with Us!**” Then **Joseph**, being aroused from sleep, **did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife, and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son**. And he called His Name **Jesus**. **Matthew 2:18-25**

Now when They (Wise Men) had departed (from the manger), behold, an **angel of the Lord** appeared to **Joseph in a dream**, saying, “**Arise, take the young Child and His mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I bring you Word; for Herod will seek the young Child to destroy Him.**” When he arose, **he took the young Child and His mother by night and departed for Egypt, and was there until the death of Herod**, that it might be fulfilled which was **Spoken** by the **Lord** through the **Prophet (Hosea)**, saying, “**Out of Egypt I Called My Son!**” **Matthew 2:13-15**

Now when Herod was dead, behold, an **angel of the Lord** appeared in a dream to **Joseph** in Egypt, saying, “**Arise, take the young Child and His mother, and go to the Land of Israel, for those who sought the young Child's Life are dead.**” Then **He arose**, and **He took the young Child and His mother, and came into the Land of Israel**. But when **He (Joseph)** **heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea instead of his father Herod, he was afraid** to go there. And being warned by **God** in a dream, **he turned aside into the region of Galilee**. And **he came and dwelt in a City** called **Nazareth**, that it might be fulfilled which was **Spoken** by (the **Lord** through) the **Prophets (Isaiah, Jeremiah, Zechariah, et.al.)**, “**He shall be called a Nazarene!**”

Matthew 2:19-23

And it came to pass in those days that a **decree** went out from Caesar Augustus that **all the world should be registered**. This census first took place while Quirinius was governing Syria. So, all went to be registered, everyone to his own City. **Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the City of Nazareth, into Judea, to the City of David, which is called Bethlehem, because He was of the House and Lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife, who was with Child**. So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn **Son**, and wrapped **Him** in swaddling cloths, **and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.**

Luke 2:1-7

Now when the **days of her purification according to the Law of Moses** were completed, **They (Joseph & Mary)** **brought Him (Jesus Christ) to Jerusalem to Present Him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who opens the womb shall be called Holy to the Lord!”)**, And **to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, ...**

... "A pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons!" ... So, when **They (Joseph & Mary)** had performed all things according to the Law of the Lord, They returned to Galilee, to their own City, of Nazareth. And the **Child Grew** and became Strong in Spirit, Filled with Wisdom; and the Grace of God was upon **Him**. Luke 2:22-24 & 39-40

His Parents (Joseph & Mary) went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. And when **He (Jesus)** was twelve years old, **They** went up to Jerusalem according to the Custom of the Feast. When **They** had finished the days (of the **Feast**), as **They** returned (home), but the **Boy Jesus** lingered behind in Jerusalem. And **Joseph** and **His** mother did not know it; but supposing **Him** to have been in the company, **They** went a day's journey, and sought Him among their relatives and acquaintances. So, when **They** did not find Him, They returned to Jerusalem, seeking Him ... Then **He (Jesus)** went down with **Them (Joseph & Mary)** and came to **Nazareth**, and was subject to Them, but **His** mother kept all these things in her heart. And **Jesus** increased in Wisdom and Stature, and in Favor with **God** and men. Luke 2:41-45 & 51-52

12 # Unmistakable Proofs That Demonstrate

That Joseph Was A Man Who Always Followed God's Plan,
And In Whom God His Father Was Well Pleased With!

- 1) Joseph Was Chosen By God As A Descendant Of The Clan Of David & Tribe Of Judah
- 2) Joseph First Demonstrated God's Compassion & Grace To Mary & Jesus,
Then To God's People Later, Through His Adopted Son
- 3) Joseph Was So Close To God That He Was Willing For A Time To Be Celibate & Pure
For God's Plan To Be Completed
- 4) Joseph Was Obedient To God Completely & Immediately Time & Time Again
Seeing #3 Old Testament Prophecies Fulfilled In His Lifetime
- 5) Joseph Made A Sacred Vow To Wed Mary & To Provide For & Raise God's Son
- 6) Joseph Was Self-Sacrificing For God's Glory & Will & For God Alone,
Expecting Nothing In Return
- 7) Joseph Was Spiritually Discerning, A Detailed Planner & Good Provider As A Husband & Father
- 8) Joseph A Righteous, Lawful, & Holy Man Of God All His Days
- 9) Joseph & His People Benefitted From Jesus Christ's Perfect Life & Sacrifice
For All Time & For All Eternity
- 10) Joseph Was A Courageous Man Always Doing What Was Right & Accepting Responsibility
- 11) God Blessed Joseph Abundantly With More Children Because Of His Great Faith & Sacrifice
- 12) God Blessed Joseph's Faith, Obedience, & Sacrifice By Bringing His Only Son Into The World To Save Everyone

So After Contemplating Joseph's Life This Week - I Asked Myself These Questions:

Q1

*"How Many Of These Godly Principles
& Characteristics Am I Currently Living By?"*

Q2

*"How Many Blessings Has God Given To Me
In Light Of My Response To His Leading In My Life?"*

Q3

*"How Many People Have Benefitted From My Faith
& My Obedience To God's Leading In My Life?"*