



# LESSONS FROM THE FORGOTTEN MAN OF CHRISTMAS

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MATTHEW 1:18-19

NOW THE BIRTH OF JESUS CHRIST WAS ON THIS WISE: WHEN AS HIS MOTHER MARY WAS ESPOUSED TO JOSEPH, BEFORE THEY CAME TOGETHER, SHE WAS FOUND WITH CHILD OF THE HOLY GHOST. THEN JOSEPH HER HUSBAND, BEING A JUST MAN, AND NOT WILLING TO MAKE HER A PUBLIC EXAMPLE, WAS MINDED TO PUT HER AWAY PRIVILY.





# 7 THINGS ABOUT JOSEPH

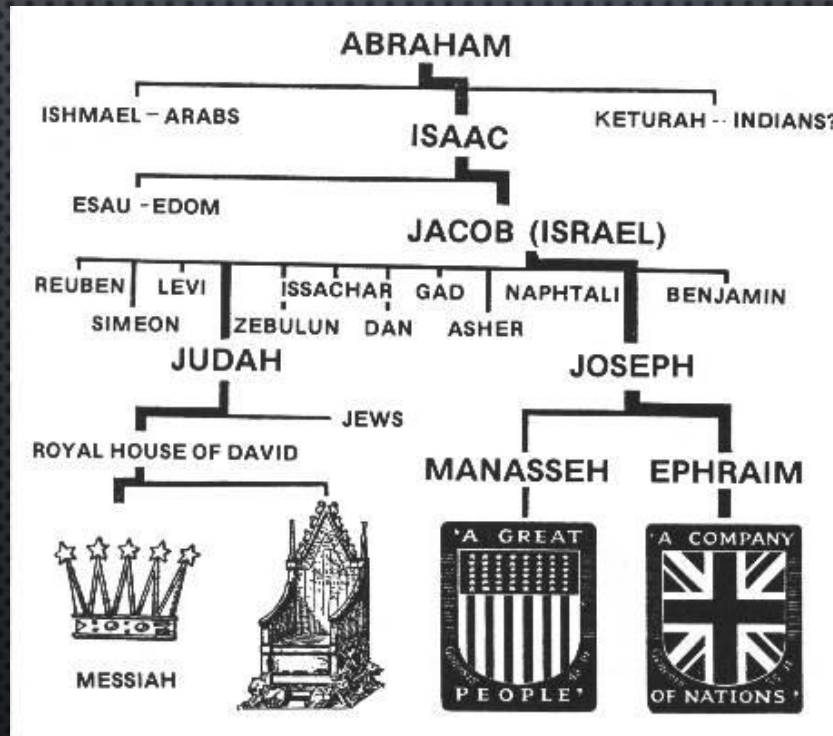


# 1. A CARPENTER





## 2. FROM THE TRIBE OF JUDAH (LINEAGE OF DAVID)





### 3. HE LIVED IN NAZARETH





## 4. FROM BETHLEHEM





## 5. HE WAS A POOR MAN

Luke 2.24 And to offer a sacrifice according to that which is said in the law of the Lord, A pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.

*Cf Leviticus 12:8*





## 6. HE WAS BETROTHED TO MARY





## 7. HE WAS A SILENT KINDHEARTED OBEDIENT MAN





# LESSONS FROM THE LIFE OF JOSEPH







## 1. OBEDIENCE AND DILIGENCE



**“IN THOSE DAYS CAESAR AUGUSTUS ISSUED A DECREE THAT A CENSUS SHOULD BE TAKEN OF THE ENTIRE ROMAN WORLD...SO JOSEPH ALSO WENT UP FROM THE TOWN OF NAZARETH IN GALILEE TO JUDEA, TO BETHLEHEM... LUKE 2:1,4 (NIV).**





## 2. GOD KEEPS PROMISES



- GOD IS A COVENANT MAKING GOD AND A COVENANT KEEPING GOD
- “OF THE INCREASE OF HIS GOVERNMENT AND PEACE THERE SHALL BE NO END, UPON THE THRONE OF DAVID, AND UPON HIS KINGDOM, TO ORDER IT, AND TO ESTABLISH IT WITH JUDGMENT AND WITH JUSTICE FROM HENCEFORTH EVEN FOR EVER. THE ZEAL OF THE LORD OF HOSTS WILL PERFORM THIS”. (ISAIAH 9:7)





### 3. YOUR BACKGROUND DOES NOT MATTER TO GOD



**“BUT THOU, BETHLEHEM EPHRATAH, THOUGH THOU BE  
LITTLE AMONG THE THOUSANDS OF JUDAH, YET OUT OF  
THEE SHALL HE COME FORTH UNTO ME THAT IS TO BE  
RULER IN ISRAEL; WHOSE GOINGS FORTH HAVE BEEN  
FROM OF OLD, FROM EVERLASTING” (MICAH 5:2).**





#### 4. GOD IS ALWAYS ON TIME!



**“BUT AFTER HE HAD CONSIDERED THIS, AN ANGEL OF THE LORD APPEARED TO HIM IN A DREAM AND SAID, “JOSEPH SON OF DAVID, DO NOT BE AFRAID TO TAKE MARY HOME AS YOUR WIFE, BECAUSE WHAT IS CONCEIVED IN HER IS FROM THE HOLY SPIRIT”. MATTHEW 1:20**





## 5. ACTION SPEAKS LOUDER THAN WORDS!



**“WHEN JOSEPH WOKE UP, HE DID WHAT  
THE ANGEL OF THE LORD HAD  
COMMANDED HIM AND TOOK MARY HOME  
AS HIS WIFE”. MATTHEW 1:24**





What you do speaks so loudly  
that I cannot hear what you say.

Ralph Waldo Emerson





## 6. IT IS POSSIBLE TO BE RIGHTEOUS AND KIND



- DEUTERONOMY 22:23-24(KJV)

**23 IF A DAMSEL THAT IS A VIRGIN BE BETROTHED UNTO AN HUSBAND, AND A MAN FIND HER IN THE CITY, AND LIE WITH HER;**

**24 THEN YE SHALL BRING THEM BOTH OUT UNTO THE GATE OF THAT CITY, AND YE SHALL STONE THEM WITH STONES THAT THEY DIE; THE DAMSEL, BECAUSE SHE CRIED NOT, BEING IN THE CITY; AND THE MAN, BECAUSE HE HATH HUMBLLED HIS NEIGHBOUR'S WIFE: SO THOU SHALT PUT AWAY EVIL FROM AMONG YOU**





- **MATTHEW 1**

**19 BECAUSE JOSEPH HER HUSBAND WAS FAITHFUL TO THE LAW, AND YET DID NOT WANT TO EXPOSE HER TO PUBLIC DISGRACE, HE HAD IN MIND TO DIVORCE HER QUIETLY. 24 WHEN JOSEPH WOKE UP, HE DID WHAT THE ANGEL OF THE LORD HAD COMMANDED HIM AND TOOK MARY HOME AS HIS WIFE. 25 BUT HE DID NOT CONSUMMATE THEIR MARRIAGE UNTIL SHE GAVE BIRTH TO A SON. AND HE GAVE HIM THE NAME JESUS**



## 7. FORGIVENESS IS THE GREATEST GIFT

**MATTHEW 1:24 WHEN JOSEPH WOKE UP, HE  
DID WHAT THE ANGEL OF THE LORD HAD  
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# JESUS FORGIVES!

