

About Joseph...

- Father was Jacob
- Hometown was Bethlehem; lived in Nazareth
- From the royal line of David (Mt 1)
- Carpenter by trade
- A poor man (turtledove for offering)
- A religious man
- Age?

Matthew 1:18

This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit.

That's not my baby!

Joseph's Dilemma

1:19,

Because Joseph her husband was a
righteous man and did not want to
expose her to public disgrace, he had in
mind to divorce her quietly.

1:20,

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.”

1 Corinthians 13

“Love is patient and kind. Love does not envy or boast; it is not proud or rude. Love is not self-seeking or easily angered. It keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil, but it rejoices in the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.”

- Tough when he could have been weak
- Tender ... could have been harsh
- Thoughtful ... could have been hasty
- Trusting ... could have doubted
- Temperate ... could have indulged himself
- Submissive ... could have blown up

The Lord's Prayer

“Our Father in heaven...”