

A FORGOTTEN MAN
MATTHEW 1-2; LUKE 2 / 3-3-19 / PM

I. WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT HIS LIFE?

- A. He was a descendant of King David—Mat. 1:20.
- B. He was a carpenter by trade and we assume he taught that same trade to Jesus—Mat. 13:55a.
- C. He was considered a poor man due to the sacrifice he offered at Jesus' dedication—Luke 2:24.
- D. He was a religious man—Luke 2:41.
- E. He and Mary had other children—Matt. 1:25 and 13:55.
- F. He may have lived to see the early part of Jesus' ministry—John 6:42.
- G. There are no words of Joseph recorded in the Bible.
- H. Joseph had three dreams in which angels appeared to him—Mat.1:20; 2:13; 2:19.

II. WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT JOSEPH'S CHARACTER?

- A. He was a righteous or just man—Mat. 1:19.
- B. He was a reasonable man—Mat 1:20a.
Matthew 1:20
But after he had considered this.....
- C. He was considerate of Mary—Mat.1:20.
- D. He was obedient to God's instructions—Matt. 1:24.

III. WHAT LESSONS CAN WE LEARN FROM JOSEPH?

- 1. Parenting is important in God's plans.
- 2. It's risky to obey God.
- 3. God's authority takes precedence over our preconceived ideas about God and what's right.
- 4. God uses people who are willing to obey Him.
- 5. Some of God's most faithful followers live their lives in the shadows rather than on the stage.