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.