

Joseph (Matthew 1:18-24)
What Child Is This? sermon series
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BIG IDEA: Joseph saw Jesus as a child to commit his life to, even though it was hard.

Through Joseph's perspective.

- The Scriptures are relatively quiet about the Earthly father of Jesus.
- Only a handful of verses mention Joseph by name.
- We can discern a lot about how important Joseph's role was and his perspective on who this baby boy was.

Joseph's Conviction.

- Joseph was from the line of David. He would have been taught the Scriptures from an early age and have known about the prophecy for the Messiah.
- The visit from the angel allowed him to trust in the conviction that he should still take Mary as his wife.

MY NEXT STEP: What trials or circumstances are you facing in life right now that might be keeping you from fully committing to God?

QUESTIONS FOR MY TIME WITH GOD:

1. Reread Matthew 1:18-24. Imagine being visited by an angel of God and being told your virgin fiancée will give birth to the Christ child. Read slowly and carefully, considering what grabs your attention and why.
2. When Joseph woke, he did exactly what God's angel commanded him to do in the dream. He married Mary, did not consummate the marriage, and named the baby Jesus. What would you have done?
3. Joseph saw Jesus as a child to fully commit his life to, even though it was hard. Do you?
4. What trials or circumstances are you facing in life right now that might be keeping you from fully committing to God?