

Tough Issues of Christmas

“But I’m not the Father” – Joseph

Matthew 1:18-25

The Bible tells us that Joseph was a _____.

Matthew 1:19

The definition of “just” is: _____ according to the _____.

Joseph was not a _____ like others, i.e. the _____.

Matthew 23:28

Joseph was righteous in his _____ and in his _____ like the parents of John the Baptist.

Luke 1:6

Joseph _____ that he was just in several key ways.

1. He maintained his _____.
Matthew 1:18; Galatians 5:19–21
2. He was _____ to put Mary to _____.
Colossians 2:15
3. He resolved to _____ Mary _____.
Matthew 2:7
4. He was not _____ in his _____ making.

Matthew 1:20

Joseph listened to God’s _____ – the _____.

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An angel appears to Joseph at least _____ times concerning _____.

Matthew 1:20; 2:13, 19, 22

The angel addressed Joseph’s _____.

This type of fear is illustrated by the disciples at _____.

Matthew 17:6

Don’t fear that Mary is _____.

No _____ has _____ her.

The child has no _____.

Don’t fear what _____ might _____.

John 8:41; 9:29

Don’t fear being a _____ to this _____ who is not your own.

This is a character trait most like _____.

Psalm 68:5

This is a mark of _____.

James 1:27

Don’t fear that you are _____ the _____.

Loving _____ and loving _____ are the priorities.

Matthew 22:40

He did not _____ his _____ to what he had been told.

Matthew 1:24

He took Mary _____ as his _____.

Matthew 1:25a

He gave Mary’s son an _____.

Matthew 1:21

Joseph _____ the _____ of God’s Word.

Matthew 1:22–23

The Messiah was to be born of a _____ so he made sure he did his part to fulfill _____.

Matthew 1:25b

Joseph _____ the _____ Jesus just as he was told to do – no questions asked.

Matthew 1:24–25

Application:

1. Joseph and Mary both illustrate what it means to _____ . Receiving Christ is life altering.
 - a. Mary pictures receiving Christ into your life and the _____ and _____ change this brings.
 - b. Joseph pictures receiving Christ as _____ of his life resulting in a complete _____ to the will of God in every area.
2. Joseph was righteous but he _____ to _____ about his decision to divorce Mary. Human wisdom does not lead one to obedience to God’s will. God had to intervene or Joseph would have done the wrong thing. Prayer is vital for knowing will of God.
3. Once a person surrenders to Christ, nothing but _____ is acceptable. Like Joseph we must follow our decision to obey with immediate obedience.