

Joseph: A Dreamer with a Problem

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Matthew 1:18-25

The whole book of Matthew is about Jesus. We must be careful, throughout the ENTIRE study of Matthew, to look at Jesus first and foremost.

Joseph had a problem.

Joseph was in a pickle.

Joseph had a plan.

Righteousness and compassion are not mutually exclusive options on opposite ends of the spectrum.

God had a better plan.

Joseph had the right response.

“Joseph would have been the first character in the Gospel with whom its first hearers in Matthew’s community would resonate. His predicament is a parable of theirs. Like them, he faces a difficult decision to maintain the status quo of the old orthodoxy or to follow a new and wonderful dream from God at an enormous personal cost. Joseph, the namesake for a dreamer, clearly follows the dream. Though his life is made vastly more difficult as a result, on every hand he is protected by God. Matthew’s first hearers have reason to embrace the same hope.”
Michael Card
