

B. Joseph's _____ (v. 24–25)

**WHAT MEN TODAY CAN LEARN FROM
JOSEPH'S EXAMPLE**

1. Joseph placed a high value on personal integrity.
2. Joseph handled this profoundly difficult moment with resolve and grace.
Quote: “When we have to do a severe thing, let us choose the tenderest manner. Maybe we shall not have to do it at all.”—**C.H. Spurgeon**
3. Joseph obeyed before he fully understood.
4. Joseph led his family by placing Christ at the center.

3. THE _____ GIFT OF JESUS (v. 21–25)

Quote: “Every birth of a living child is a marvelous event. But never since the world began was a birth so marvelous as the birth of Christ.”—**J.C. Ryle**

A. The Gift of _____ :
God Is with Us (v. 23)

Quote: “Greatest mystery of the Gospel is the incarnation.”
—**Billy Graham**

B. The Gift of _____ :
Salvation Is for Us (v. 21, 25)

“In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.” (1 John 4:9)

“For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.” (Romans 5:6)

CONCLUSION



LED TO OBEY

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Text: Matthew 1:16–25

“And Jacob begat Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ. 17 So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from David until the carrying away into Babylon are fourteen generations; and from the carrying away into Babylon unto Christ are fourteen generations. 18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. 19 Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily. 20 But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. 21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. 22 Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, 23 Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us. 24 Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife: 25 And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS.” (Matthew 1:16–25)

INTRODUCTION

1. THE _____ PLAN OF GOD (v. 1, 16–18)

A. The _____ of Jesus (v. 16)

Quote: “The early Christians didn’t say with dismay, ‘Look what the world has come to,’ but in delight, ‘Look what has come to the world.’—**E. Stanley Jones**.

“Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the Son of God; abideth a priest continually.” (Hebrews 7:3)

Quote: “Marvelous condescension, that he should be a man, and have a genealogy, even HE who “was in the beginning with God”, and “thought it not robbery to be equal with God”! Let us read each line of “The book of the generation ” with adoring gratitude that we have a King who is one with us in our nature.”
—**C.H. Spurgeon**

B. The _____ of God (v. 17)

JESUS ARRIVAL WAS IN THE RIGHT LINE

“And I will establish his kingdom. He shall build an house for my name, and I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever.” (2 Samuel 7:12b-13)

JESUS ARRIVAL WAS AT THE RIGHT TIME

“But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.” (Galatians 4:4–5)

WHAT WE LEARN FROM THE GENEALOGY OF CHRIST

1. God doesn’t avoid flawed sinners. He includes them.
Quote: “Israel couldn’t out-sin the promises of God—and neither can you.”—**Tom Schreiner**
2. God’s silence should not be mistaken for absence.
3. God fulfills His promises with precision.
4. We can be faithful in our generation, but God is faithful in every generation

2. THE _____ OBEDIENCE OF JOSEPH (v. 18–20)

A. Joseph’s _____ (v. 18–20)

THIS MOMENT WAS *DISORIENTING*

THIS MOMENT WAS *DISRUPTIVE*

THIS MOMENT WAS *DEMANDING*

THIS MOMENT WAS *DIVINE*