

Matthew 1

FOLLOWING THE MESSAGE

- 1) *1:18* Joseph became aware of the situation and naturally assumed Mary had been unfaithful.
- 2) As fully God, Jesus can pay the eternal penalty for sin. As fully human, He knows our weaknesses.
- 3) *1:19* Joseph's new plan was to leave both his "justness" and his compassion intact.
- 4) *1:20* The angel commanded Joseph to go ahead and marry Mary. Therefore, Jesus would legally be Joseph's son and legally the Son of David.
- 5) *1:21* According to Luke's gospel, Mary is told Jesus' name; Joseph is told His name and the reason for it.
- 6) *1:21* The Jewish expectation was that the Messiah would deliver them from Roman domination and would purify the people (call them to God). There was no expectation that the Messiah would surrender His life to save His people from their sins.
- 7) *1:25* Joseph went beyond what was requested in order to refute any claim made then or later that Joseph himself was Jesus' biological father.
- 8) *1:24-25* Joseph violated all custom by immediately taking Mary into his home rather than waiting until the one-year time period of betrothal had passed. He brought her home and began to care and to provide for her.
- 9) There would be misunderstanding in the community and much gossip, but Joseph knew the true story...and God's will for his life.

GREEK WORDS

Mnesteuo (mnace-tyoo'-o)—to give a souvenir (engagement present), betroth :- espouse  
Ketubah—legal document; outlined rights/obligations during marriage and in the case of divorce

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