WHY HIM? WHY HER?

JOSEPH

Text: Matthew 1:18-25

1. Joseph was a just man. Just means “based on or behaving to what is morally right and faire.”


NOTE: God had to reveal this Joseph because he was a godly man and would not behave or be associated with a situation that would bring reproach on his character and reputation.

WHAT DOES INTEGRITY MEAN TO YOU?

Integrity – “the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles, moral uprightness.”

TEN BEHAVIORS OF A PERSON WITH INTEGRITY
1. Taking responsibility for one’s actions.

2. Putting others first.
   Mark 9:35 – “If any man desires to be first, the same shall be last of all, and servant of all.”

3. Helping others in need, compassionate.

4. Thinking the best of others.
   Philippians 2:3 – “let each esteem others better than themselves.”

5. Honesty all the time!
   Story of Zacchaeus. Luke 19:8(b) – “…if I have taken anything from any man by false accusations, I restore him fourfold.”

6. Demonstrating respect for all people.
7. Being humble.

8. Admitting when one is wrong or has made a mistake.
   Luke 15:21 is the story of the prodigal son repenting to God and his earthly father.

9. Dependable and Reliable.
   Luke 16:10 / Genesis 6:8 – “Noah found grace (or favor) in the eyes of the Lord.” So, God could count on Noah to build that ark!

10. Genuinely kind. (Even when no one is watching)
    Ruth 2:8-20 (Story of Ruth, Naomi, Boaz & Obed)
    I Samuel 25:23-35 (Abigail is being kind to King David)

A person with integrity lives a life like this because it is part of the real them. It’s not for show. They MUST do it, because it is the RIGHT way to behave and deep down that individual knows it pleases God. (John 8:29)
NOTE: Going back to the story of Joseph, in Luke 2:4, he traveled from Nazareth to Bethlehem to pay taxes. He was a good citizen, regardless of the wickedness of the ruler and the government in the land at the time of Jesus birth. God overruled the inconvenience that Joseph had to do, because Bible prophecy had to be fulfilled. Jesus had to be born in Bethlehem. See: Micah 5:2.


MARY

Text: Luke 1:26-56

1. Gabriel comes to Mary.

3. Mary questions the angel in Luke 1:34. It is NOT doubt, but wanting to know HOW she’ll conceive if she remains a virgin. (which she did till she gave birth to Jesus)


NOTE: We should not always reveal to others what God has revealed to us, until God releases us to do so.


9. Mary at the cross, as Jesus was being crucified. John 19:25-27.

10. Was Mary (Jesus mother) at the tomb of His resurrection?
NOT SURE! (if Mary was there right after His resurrection at the tomb)

Luke 24:10 – “...and other women that were with them, which told these things unto the apostles.”

The Bible is NOT clear if Mary (the mother of Jesus) was at the tomb AFTER Jesus resurrection, but possibly she was. She was definitely at the cross, and probably at the tomb as well.

Mary (like Joseph) had godly characteristics and was very devoted to God and to Jesus. God would have never chosen her if she wasn’t a godly woman and example. God wanted Mary, above all the other women on the earth at that time, to be the earthly mother of Jesus. Luke 1:28.

Mary was a woman of faith and devotion. Both Mary and Joseph were good examples of how a christian behave.

Even though both were born in sin and needed a Saviour, God chose them because He knew their hearts. Two people God picked over all the thousands on the earth living then, Mary and Joseph. God knew He could trust this couple to raise His
Son, Jesus.

Never worship Mary. We need to honor her memory and respect them as the couple who raised Jesus during His childhood years. Most of all, look to Jesus, as your greatest and ultimate example.

Christmas isn’t the only time of year to honor our Lord, but every day of the year!

“MERRY CHRISTMAS” !!!

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