

Text: Matthew 1:16-25

Topics: Deity of Christ, Incarnation, Power of God

Advent: Obstacles Are Not Impossibilities for God

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Dare to Make Your Purpose Known

I. True Credentials of Joseph (v. 16-17)

II. True Character of Joseph (v. 18-23)

III. True Commitment of Joseph (v. 24-25)

Application Questions - *These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group, for even more benefit.*

1. What do you see as the purpose for the listing of names in this chapter? Discuss why the grouping of names in 3 groups of 14.

2. Talk about the name "Christ, the Anointed One". What did the anointing signify in the Old Testament?

How does this anointing apply to Christ? To believers?

3. How does the description of Joseph's character fit with how he was going to handle the situation with Mary?

How do you measure up to the character traits mentioned?

4. Spend some time talking about how Jesus saves you from your sins. Share how you came to understand and receive redemption.

5. How would calling Jesus Christ "Immanuel" be a great encouragement to the readers of this Gospel.

Share some specific times you have been greatly encouraged by this truth, "Immanuel, God with us".

People are available Sunday mornings at the conclusion of each service to pray confidentially for your concerns. Simply come to the front as others are leaving ~ look for those wearing burgundy name tags.