

Introduction

If you were given the opportunity to meet any person in the first Christmas story, who would you choose?

Herod?

The Magi?

Innkeeper?

The shepherds?

Anna, the Prophetess ?

Simeon?

Mary?



***The Forgotten Man of
Christmas***

Matthew 1:18-25

I. The Man - Joseph

- “forgotten man of Christmas”
- Not much said about him in the bible
- Not many sermons about him
- Least mentioned
- He is known by his connection to Mary

II. His Background

- His father was Jacob
- Hometown – Bethlehem but lived in Nazareth
- Royal line of David
- Poor
- Age – probably 17 years old

III. His Character

A. He was a righteous man

- Not perfect or sinless, but consistently doing what was right before God

B. He was a man of great love

- He loved her even though he thought she had been unfaithful to him. His love covered her shame – vs. 19c

C. He was a man of faith

- Never question the angel and believed

D. He was a man of obedience

- Readily obeyed the angel's message
- His journey to Egypt – 2:13-14

E. He was a man of patience

- No union with Mary till birth of Jesus

Applications

Are you an EXAMPLE of:

Love, faith, obedience and patience?

Like Joseph, we may not be well known, always in the background shadows but people can see, they read our lives and they will know.