



Joseph

Matthew 1:18-25

A. Crossroads of Life

“¹⁸ This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.”

1. Joseph’s decision to divorce was righteous and lawful.
2. Remember that the Mosaic Law was the basis for righteous living in the Old Covenant.

B. The Character of Joseph

“²⁰ But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, ‘Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.’”

1. Joseph was not afraid of the angel.
 - a. Joseph was ready to hear from God.

“²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: ²³ ‘The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel’ (which means ‘God with us’).”

2. Reference to the prophecy
3. This is from Isaiah 7
 - a. God had planned to call His people back to him and he gave Ahaz a choice.
 - b. Joseph would not follow the error of the kings after their own hearts, he would seek the heart of God.

“²⁴ When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife.”

4. This verse depicts what I would call immediate and unquestioned obedience.

“²⁵ But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.”

5. Joseph revered the immaculate conception and wanted to be above reproach.
6. By tradition, and cultural expectation, Joseph had the right to name the child.
7. Instruction is not going to transform your life. Action is not going to transform your life. It’s remaining committed that transforms your life!

C. Consider Your Life

1. What decisions are you being led through?
Are you facing a crossroad?
 - a. Consult Scripture
 - b. Seek godly council
 - c. Pray intensely

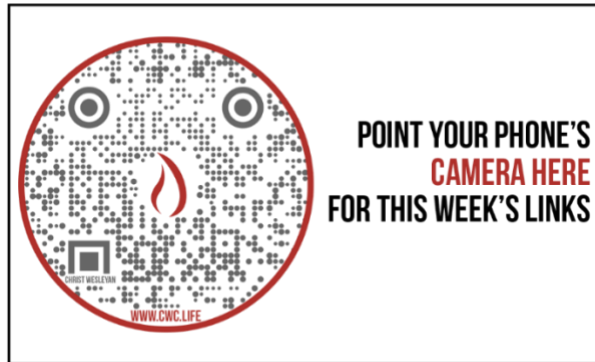
Trust Him, Obey Him, Commit to Him

Next Sunday:

Week 4: Messengers: From Heaven to Earth

Milton Campus: Pastor Branden Mestach

Sunbury Campus: Pastor Billy Robel



Giving & Attendance Update

Giving last Sunday: 91.8% of goal

Giving year to date: 80.1% of goal

Attendance Last Weekend: 1,935

Salvations to date: 189 | Baptisms to date: 61

“Reach the One” Campaign Update

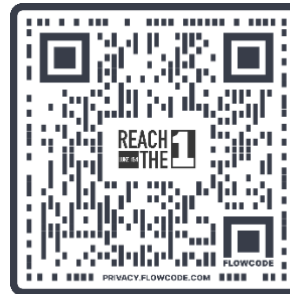
134 - Pledges

\$1,513,105.84 - Donations Anticipated by November 2027

\$446,637.67 - Received Donations - 11% of \$4M Goal

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Upcoming Happenings:

Christmas @ Christ Wesleyan!

December 24: Christmas Eve: Candle Lighting service

Milton Campus: 3p, 4:30p, 6p

Sunbury Campus: 3p and 4:30p

December 29: “Culture Wars: A Morning with Ruslan”

LIVE Morning Guest Speaker: Ruslan KD

(YouTube Influencer.)

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