

Title: Blessed Revelation

Text: Matthew 1:18-24

Target: Every person needs a Joseph type figure in their life. However, in that effort to find that person, could we be that person!

I. **Joseph's Dilemma:** *"Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way"* (Vs. 18)

- A. **his Engagement:** *"When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph"* (Vs. 18)
- B. **his Embarrassment:** *"before they came together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit."* (Vs. 18)
- C. **his Estrangement:** *And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly.* (Vs. 19)

II. **Joseph's Dream:** *"But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream"* (Vs. 20)

- A. **his Enlightenment:** *"saying, Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit"* (Vs. 20)
- B. **his Endearment:** *When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him, he took his wife, but knew her not until she had given birth to a son,* (Vs. 24-25a)
- C. **his Endorsement:** *and he called his name Jesus.* (Vs, 25b)

III. **Joseph's Deliverance:**

- A. **"H" is Entitlement:** *"you shall call his name Jesus"* (Vs.22)
- B. **"H" is Empowerment:** *"for he will save His people from their sins"* (Vs. 21)
- C. **"H" is Embodiment:** *"Behold the virgin shall conceive and bear a son and they shall call his name Immanuel".* (Vs. 23)

Take Away: Could we be people that choose to stand with others giving other people the benefit of the doubt, when everyone else is in doubt? Who is that person for you?

