

[Monologue] Joseph, the Bystander

Matthew 1:18-25

SCRIPTURAL REFERENCES TO JOSEPH

Genealogy, Matthew 1:1-16, Luke 3:23

Matthew 1:16, And Jacob the father of Joseph, *the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ.*

Luke 3:23, Now Jesus himself was about thirty years old when he began his ministry. *He was the son, so it was thought, of Joseph.*

Annunciation and Joseph's Dream, Luke 1:27, Matthew 1:18-25

Manger, Temple, Egypt, Nazareth, Matthew 2:1-23, Luke 2:1-40

Jesus, age twelve, in the Temple, Luke 2:41-52. vs. 41, 43, 48, "his parents."

Vs. 48, "Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you."

Vs. 49, "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?"

Jesus hometown ministry

(In Nazareth), Matthew 13:55, "Isn't this the carpenter's son?"

Mark 6:3, "Isn't this the carpenter?"

Luke 4:22, "Isn't this Joseph's son?"

(In Galilee), John 1:45, "Jesus of Nazareth, the Son of Joseph."

(In Capernaum), John 6:42, "It this not Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know?"

Who is Joseph?

1. **Engaged** to Mary

"Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph,"

—Matthew 1:18

2. The **Husband** of Mary.

"And Jacob the father of Joseph, *the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ.*"

—Matthew 1:16

3. The **step-Father** of Jesus.

"Jesus was the son, so it was thought, of Joseph."—Luke 3:23 (Mary's Family tree)

4. A **carpenter** of Nazareth

Mark 6:3, "*Isn't this [Jesus] the carpenter?*"

Matthew 13:55, "*Isn't this the carpenter's son?*"

Luke 4:22, "*Isn't this Joseph's son.*"

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This New Testament word, found only in two verses, means carpenter,
May also mean builder, mason, or smith.

5. A **righteous** man

Because Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. —Matthew 1:19

Righteous means to be a person of integrity when no one is watching.

6. God had **bigger** plans than Joseph had.

"All this took place to fulfill what the Lord has said through the prophet. The virgin will be with child and will give birth a son, and they will call him Immanuel— which means, God with us." —Matthew 1:22-23

David said, "Psalm 84:10, "*Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere; I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.*"

Memory Verse:

"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".

—Matthew 1:20