

1. **Mentions of Joseph in the Scriptures**
  - New Testament:
    - Matthew – our primary focus
    - Luke – appears occasionally
    - John – is named, but never appears in the text
    - Mark – never mentioned!
2. **Beginning with begats: Joseph's genealogy**
  - Joseph's Genealogy: Matt 1:1-17
    - Jesus Christ / Abraham / David
  - Missing: "Joseph the father of Jesus"
  - Roman adoptions: constitutive
    - constitutionally part of a new house
    - all about inheritance...of a lineage
    - God's agreement: Luke 1:31-32
      - See also Rom 1:3 and 2 Time 2:8
3. **Joseph's interesting ancestors**
  - "Colorful women"
    - Tamar – Gen 1:3
    - Rahab 1:5
    - Ruth 1:5
    - Bathsheba 1:6
  - An appropriate time
    - 3 sets of 14 generations
  - Only 2 titles
    - *King* David and Jesus the *Messiah*
4. **For our consideration**
  - Beyond what you *do*, does the person you *are* serve God?
5. **Rare scriptural descriptions of goodness**
  - Righteous men who *act*
    - Joseph – Matt 1:19
    - Joseph of Arimathea – Luke 23:50
    - Barnabas/Joseph – Acts 11:21
6. **A dilemma for Joseph – Matt 1:18-22**
  - Stoning pregnant women
    - Deut 22:20-21
  - A quiet divorce
    - Mishnah *Gittin* 9:10 and spoiling the soup
7. **Dreaming Josephs**
  - Dreams of Joseph, son of Jacob
    - Gen 37:5-11
    - Going to Egypt and saving the people
  - Angelic encouragements
    - "Do not fear" / "Name him..."
  - Immediate compliance
  - Having no relations:
    - Meaning *only* Mary was a virgin
8. **For our spiritual consideration**

- Would angels be inviting you not to fear?
  - Are we confident?
  - Do we live in doubt?
- Are we, like Joseph, in obedience to God, willing to be utterly overturned?
- Are there “Mary’s,” who look like problems but end up being blessings, in our lives?

#### 9. **The visit of the Magi**

- Matt 2:1-12
- Not Luke’s version:
  - No stable
  - No inn
  - No manger
  - No tax
  - No trip from Nazareth
- In Joseph’s *home*?
  - See Matt 2

#### 10. **Flight to Egypt**

- Matt 2:13-15
  - Herod the *Horrible*
- Commands this time
  - and again, quiet compliance;
  - a model of willingness to put life completely on hold;
- An example we can follow?
  - Do we wrap our lives around our God, our Jesus?

#### 11. **A selfless good man, dreaming of home**

- Matt 2:15, 19-23
- Josephs, dreams, Egypt and saviors
- Evidence from Josephus:
  - Herod’s dead is 4 BC
- No year “0,” and “1” is wrong
  - Dionysius Exiguus
- Joseph avoids Archelaus
  - does not go home to *Bethlehem*
- Matthew and Luke differ

#### 12. **Things to notice...**

- We see Matthew’s infancy narrative (chs. 1 &2) through Joseph’s eyes.
- Never speaks...ever.
  - ...and then disappears.
- It’s all about Jesus. He was all about Jesus.

#### 13. **After he’s gone**

- Matt 13:54-58
  - The implication:
    - Joseph has already died
- Brothers?
  - Who are James, Joseph, Simon, Judas and his sisters?
- Protevangelium of James
  - An older man?
  - Step brothers and sisters?

#### 14. Joseph the Carpenter

- How we know Joseph was a carpenter:
  - “carpenter, wood-worker, builder”
  - tevktwn / tektōn
  - See also Mark 6:3, Matt 13:55 and Luke 4:22
- A choice with a message:
  - from the only father chosen, before birth, by the step-son.
  - Evaluating those who labor in our lives.

#### 15. Joseph in Luke

- Luke 1:26-28
  - Also an infancy narrative
  - Mary’s perspective...not Joseph’s
  - “betrothed” implying “newly married”
- David’s city?
  - Jerusalem / Bethlehem
  - Malachi 5:1
- Joseph is a law abiding citizen
- Despite differences between MT and LK:
  - Jesus is born in Bethlehem and raised in Nazareth

#### 16. Luke’s genealogy

- Working in the opposite direction from Matthew’s genealogy:
  - from Jesus, “the son, as was thought, of Joseph...”
  - to Adam
  - The *same* point as Matthew
- Includes the Gentiles (us)

#### 17. Presentation in the Temple

- Luke 2:22-40
- Again, Joseph is an observant, law abiding Jew
- An offering of the poor – Lev 12:6-8
- Growing strong and wise with Joseph

#### 18. Jesus as a boy in the Temple

- Luke 2:42-51
- A short childhood / an early manhood
- Bar Mitzvahs at...13!
- “child,” not “young man”
- Confusing fathers!
  - and a silent Joseph
- “obedient” or “subject to them”
- An adolescent with good intentions