

100 Days with Jesus

Study No. 1 Matthew 1:18-25

Introduction

This is a typical little soap opera story. Mary and Joseph are betrothed. They are saving up to get married, and then she tells him she is pregnant. They are both godly people, her being pregnant is a disgrace. Times were much more conservative then. This is such a very human story of a very human situation. Then suddenly, we go from the very human to the ultra-cosmic and mysterious.

Questions

1. Have you ever seen an angel, or know someone who has?
2. We often think about the qualities of Mary and why God chose her. Why do you think God chose Joseph?
3. What consequences would there be for Joseph sticking with Mary?
4. How many different ways does God communicate with us?
5. Joseph wakes up and does what he has been told in the dream. Have you ever felt that God has spoken to you? How certain were you that it was God?
6. What is the most difficult thing God has ever asked you to do?
7. What do you think God is wanting you to do at the moment?

Prayer

Lord God
As you are finding me, help me to find,
As you are speaking, help me to hear,
As you are appearing, help me to see.
That I might awaken and do as you command.
Amen.

Leaders Notes

4. Through his words; through other Christians, through circumstances, in dreams, in prayer, and inner conviction.

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