

Message - Truths inside the Bible Christmas Story: MARY & JOSEPH

A...Intro

Some of the greatest impacts God has had on the world is when God called a person who was not seeking or expecting to be chosen but was chosen any way. And they said YES.

Noah
Abraham
Moses
Jacob (Rachel & Leah)
David
Gideon
Jonah
Isaiah
12 Disciples
Mary and Joseph

B... The calling and the cost.

Mary and Joseph a young couple ready to start their life together. Start a simple Jewish family, live close to their relatives, be the wife and husband they dreamed of, be apart of a Jewish community playing their part, and continue in their commitment to God.

They had their lives, desires, and dreams turned upside down because of what God called them to do.

God called them to be the parents of his son Jesus.

This meant giving birth to, raising, teaching, and being an example to Jesus Christ the SAVIOR of the world.

But this had its hardships.

Mary considered unclean
Joseph losing respect because he took her in
Them considered outcast
They having to leave there home

Them navigating a walk of faith that no one had ever done before

And the knowledge that your son will die

And the experience of watching your son be tortured and crucified.

C... - Their Attitude and choice

Mary

Luke 1:**26** In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, **27** to a virgin **betrouthed to a man (she had a plan)** whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. **28** And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O **favored one, the Lord is with you! (God was already preparing her)**" [c] **29** But **she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. (confused and did not understand)** **30** And the angel said to her, "**Do not be afraid, Mary, (scared)** for you have found favor with God. **31** And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. **32** He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, **33** and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." **34** And Mary said to the angel, "**How will this be, since I am a virgin? (Wondering how could this be, this was the first in history - not doubting)** **35** And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born[e] will be called holy—the Son of God. **36** And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. **37** **For nothing will be impossible with God. (God will always make a way when he calls you)**" **38** And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." **(She accepted the call)**. And the angel departed from her.

Joseph

Matthew

1:18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his

mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. **19** And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. **(Just, merciful, & loving - Reasons for the calling)** **20** But as he considered these things, **(He did not act in haste, he considered the situation - Mary's Story)** behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, **(God spoke via a dream to him, an angel visited Mary)** saying, "Joseph, son of David **(speaking to who he was born to be or do)**, do not fear **(He was scared - fear was reoccurring)** to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. **21** She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." **22** All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: **23** "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" which means, God with us. **(The calling was based off of truth)** **24** When Joseph woke from sleep, **he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: (He obeyed)** he took his wife, **25** but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

Ending

Christmas is about GIVING & RECIEVING

I Want to challenge you this Christmas season with:

-YOU GIVING YOUR WILL OVER TO GOD WHEN HE CALLS YOU TO DO SOMETHING THAT YOU DID NOT EXPECT OR ASK FOR.