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Week 3 – JOSEPH’S DREAM (*Matthew 1:18-25, pp. 19-25*)

Following the ANNUNCIATION, Jesus was “conceived by the Holy Spirit.” The promise God made to her and to His people was beginning to be fulfilled. But Joseph was still in the dark. When she was found to be with child, ***“Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly.”*** (Mt. 1:19)

What does this tell us about Joseph’s moral character? _____

What kind of shame might Mary have been subject to if Joseph had publicly accused her? _____

Leviticus 20:10 _____

John 7:53-8:11 _____

What dissuades Joseph from his plan to divorce Mary? _____

Is Joseph’s response more like Zechariah’s or Mary’s? _____

*With the coming of Jesus, “His parents’ desires are reversed.” (CFM, p21). following God sometimes means laying aside our own desires. **How has God led you to follow Him, where you didn’t want to or plan to go?***

Matthew 1 makes a big deal about Jesus’ name.

What does the name, “Jesus,” mean? _____

What does the name “Immanuel” mean? _____

How are these names intimately connected? _____

Back in Genesis 3:15, God promised that the “offspring” of the woman would crush the serpent’s head. Since that time, God’s people have looked for a Son who would fulfill that promise and save them.

According to Luke 3:23-38, from whom is Jesus ultimately descended? (v. 38) _____

According to Matthew 1:1, whose “son” is Jesus? _____

Last week we read God’s promise to David, that his throne would be established forever. Now read God’s blessing for Abraham in Genesis 22:17-18.

How is Jesus the fulfillment of God’s promise to Abraham and David?

In Jesus and His Cross, God is with us to save us.

What does Jesus save us from? (see Mt. 1:21, Gen 3:17-19, 23-24)

What life and purpose does Jesus save us for? (see. Mt. 22:36-40)

How is the faith of both Mary and Joseph and example to you?

For Next Time:

Week 4 – THE FIRST CHRISTMAS (Luke 2:1-10, pp. 27-33)