

THE ADVENT OF THE KING

Lesson Two • Matthew 1:18-25

The Arrival of The King

The Arrival of Jesus Christ the King:

Jesus' birth was a glorious and gracious INTERRUPTION of God breaking into our lives.

Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: Matthew 1:18

When God Interrupts Your Life:

1. God CHOOSES You Intentionally!

Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. Matthew 1:18

God's Purpose for Mary & Joseph:

God chose Mary to be the VIRGIN mother and Joseph to be the ADOPTIVE father of His Son Jesus Christ.

2. God CHALLENGES You with a Choice!

Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. But while he thought about these things, behold an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins.' Matthew 1:19-21

Joseph's Initial Reaction to God's Interruption:

- Joseph's initial reaction was to "DIVORCE" Mary privately.
- Joseph's initial reaction was based on his FEARS.

3. God CHARGES You to Act in Faith!

Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife, and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name JESUS. Matthew 1:24-25

Instead of Reacting in Fear, Joseph Responded in Faith By:

- Taking Mary as his WIFE.
- Waiting till Mary gave birth to CONSUMMATE their marriage.
- Naming Mary's firstborn son JESUS.

Who Makes the Difference in Our Interruptions?

God does through the gift of His Son IMMANUEL, meaning "God with us"!

Now all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us." Matthew 1:22-23

Three Words to Remember When God Interrupts Your Life:

- ★ The first word is PRAYER.

Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, and that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Hebrews 4:16

- ★ The second word is PERSPECTIVE.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight. Proverbs 3:5-6

- ★ The third word is PROVIDENCE.

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purposes. Romans 8:28