

Joseph The Husband Of Mary, And Stepfather Of Jesus

Intro: This morning I would like to focus our attention on Joseph, the husband of Mary, and stepfather of Jesus. Apart from Matthew's account of Joseph's story in his opening two chapters, very little is known about this man. He is barely mentioned in Luke, never in Mark, and only briefly in John. But Joseph is worthy of our consideration. He show us what it means to obey God, and what it means to love unconditionally.

I. Joseph's First Dream: *Take Marry As Your Wife* (Matt. 1:18-25)



II. Joseph's Second Dream: *The Flight To Egypt* (Matt. 2:1-16)

III. Joseph's Third Dream: *The Return To Israel* (Matt. 2:19-22a)

IV. Joseph's Fourth Dream: *The Return To Nazareth* (Matt. 2:22b-23)

Conclusion: Matthew's point in presenting Joseph's angelic dreams is to highlight his relationship with God, and his unquestioning obedience to God's every command. **May God help each of us to follow Joseph's example of unwavering obedience!**