

What about Papa Joe?

Joseph Accepts Jesus as His Son

Matthew 1:18-20

¹⁸This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about^[a]: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet^[a] did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

²⁰But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus,^[a] because he will save his people from their sins.”

²⁴When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. ²⁵But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

In the summer of this year the men studied a series by Dr. Tony Evans called Kingdom Man, a life without excuses. “A kingdom man is a man who visibly demonstrates the comprehensive rule of God underneath the Lordship of Jesus Christ in every area of his life.” A kingdom man accepts his responsibilities under God’s plan for his life. Papa Joe, is an unsung hero in the Bible. Often we focus on Mary and Jesus oh yea and Joe. I came to let somebody know Papa Joe was a good man a mighty good man, a Godly man. Some translations that Joe was **Then Joseph her husband, being a just man.**

Matthew, obviously, had Jewish readers in mind. He presents Jesus as the Messiah, the King of the Jews, the direct descendant from David. Jesus is portrayed as a descendant of the three greatest personalities of the Old Testament, although he surpasses them. Matthew traces Jesus’ genealogy back to Abraham (1:2), the father of the faith.

Marriages were arranged for individuals by parents, and contracts were negotiated, after the contract was completed the couple were called husband and wife. They did not, however begin to live together. Instead the woman continued to live with her parents and the man with his **for one year**. The waiting period was to demonstrate the faithfulness of the pledge of purity given concerning the bride. If the bride was found to be pure the husband would then go to the house of the Brides parents and with a big wedding processional march. The groom would lead

his bride back to his home. They would begin to live together as husband and wife and consummate the marriage.

Mary and Joseph were in the one year waiting period when Mary was found to be with child. Joe loved her some Mary and yet the word came that she was pregnant. He chose not to create a public scandal by exposing her condition to the judges at the city gate. Doing so would call out the stoners. He decided to divorce her quietly. Then Joseph had a dream. Mt. 2:13. Joseph knew the prophecies, foretold, but never thought it would happen to him.

Gossip and speculation went on in the community about them. As soon as Joseph woke up[from his dream he obeyed. Instead of waiting till the one year period of betrothal had passed. He brought her home and began to care and provide for her. No sex until the baby was born. After that Mary had 6 other children 4 other boys and 2 daughters. Kid-du-shin

Two Stages in Marriage

According to Torah law, marriage is a two-step process. The first stage is called "*kiddushin*," and the second step is known as "*nisu'in*."

kiddushin (sanctification or dedication, [betrothal](#)) and *nissuin* (marriage), when the couple start their life together.

What a Man, What a mighty good man. Joe was a good man a loving man and a blessed man. To take on the responsibility,