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All scriptures are printed verbatim with translations noted.

Matthew 1:20 (ESV)-...behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, Joseph do not fear to take Mary as your wife for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.

HISTORICAL CONTEXT

- ✦ Joseph was the carpenter.
- ✦ He was poor.
- ✦ He was likely uneducated and illiterate.
- ✦ He lived in a despised small town.
- ✦ No biblical record of his life after Jesus is 12 years old.

Notes: _____

1. JOSEPH'S PROBLEM

Matthew 1:18-19 (ESV)- 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. And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly.

2. JOSEPH'S PERSON

Matthew 1:19 (ESV)-And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly.

3. JOSEPH'S PAUSE

Matthew 1:20 (ESV)- But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.

4. JOSEPH'S PART

Matthew 1:22,24-25 (ESV)- She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."...When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

Life Application Section

A. Like Joseph we need to give up our expectations.

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Matthew 1:20 (ESV)-And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly.

C. Like Joseph we need to give up our hesitations.

Matthew 1:24 (ESV)-When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him...he called his name Jesus.

Here Is The Point: God works in surprising people in surprising ways...