

# Joseph

## Matthew 1:18-25

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Part of Come and Behold Him

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BEHOLDING is looking DEEPER than the SURFACE.

Matthew 1:18-25 – 18 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. 19 And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. 20 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. 21 She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins. ” 22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: 23 “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us). 24 When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, 25 but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

Followers of Jesus SHOULD wrestle with DECISIONS.

When the Lord gives WISDOM, followers of Jesus DO what the Lord SAYS.

BEHOLDING should lead to OBEDIENCE, and OBEDIENCE will require followers to act in STRANGE WAYS.

OBEDIENCE is often QUIET and ORDINARY.

God never wastes OBEDIENCE.

Small Group Questions:

What are examples from your life that show the difference between seeing and beholding?

How do you wrestle with decisions?

How do you know when the Lord gave you wisdom?

What are the strange ways the Lord has called you to obey?

What does quiet obedience look like for you?