



In this message we come to the third appearance of angels in the Christmas story – the angel appeared to Joseph. Joel Gregory writes: “Joseph is the forgotten man of Christmas.” He is a character with minor credits, there’s not a single syllable that he speaks recorded in Scripture, but what he did speaks so loudly that he really didn’t need to say anything. He is a remarkable example of obedience. Let’s study his story and then apply the lessons to our lives.

I. The Story

- A. Joseph face a difficult _____.
- B. His sense of _____ prevailed and he decided to distance himself from Mary _____.
- C. There are two things different about this angelic appearance:
 - 1. The angel is not _____.
 - 2. The angel appeared in a _____.
- D. The angel made several _____ announcements to Joseph.
 - 1. “Do not be _____ to take Mary home as your wife.” (v. 20)
 - 2. “What is conceived in her is from the _____.” (v. 20)
 - 3. “She will give birth to a _____.” (v. 21)
 - 4. “You are to give him the name _____.” (v. 21)
- E. When the dream was over and the angel was gone, Joseph obeyed _____.

II. The Lessons

- A. Jesus was sent to _____ us from our sins.
- B. What threat does sin pose in our lives?
 - 1. It has the potential to destroy you _____.
 - 2. It has the potential to destroy you _____.
 - 3. It has the potential to destroy you _____.
 - 4. It has the potential to destroy you _____.
 - 5. It has the potential to destroy you _____.
 - 6. It has the potential to destroy us _____.
 - 7. It has the potential to destroy you _____.
- C. Jesus Christ came to save us from the consequences of God’s _____, to save us _____.