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Holy Moments: The Life of Joseph

Matthew 1:18-24

I. What we know about Joseph:

- Matthew 1:18-25 – Engaged, surprised, obedient, becomes a step-dad
- Matthew 2 – Meets the Magi, more dreams, flees to Egypt, returns to Galilee
- Luke 2:41-52 – Jesus with Mary and Joseph in Jerusalem
- Matthew 13:55 – Craftsman and father to James, Joseph, Simon, Judas and several daughters
- Other references: Luke 3:23 and John 1:45

II. Joseph's holy defining moments:

"This is how Jesus the Messiah was born. His mother Mary, was engaged to be married to Joseph. But before the marriage took place, while she was still a virgin, she became pregnant through the power of the Holy Spirit."

Matthew 1:18 (NLT)

"As he considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream. 'Joseph, son of David', the angel said, 'do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife... She will have a son, and you are to name Him Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.'" Matthew 1:20-21 (NLT)

"When Joseph woke up, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded and took Mary as his wife."

Matthew 1:24 (NLT)

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