

A LIFE DEFINED 22: JOSEPH

Text: *Matthew 1:19*

Introduction:

The first words we read of Joseph remind us of the priority God placed on selecting the right parents to rear Jesus. God calls Joseph a “just man,” meaning he is righteous and good.

I. The Beginning and The Ending

- a. Joseph’s father’s name is _____. (Matthew 1:16)
- b. Details of his death are _____.

II. Meaning of Name

- Joseph means “let him _____.”
- The “carpenter” means a “_____.” (Matthew 13:55)

III. Heritage

- a. A descendent of King _____.
- b. Husband of _____.
- c. _____ father of Jesus.
- d. Father of _____ and _____.

IV. Significant Events

- a. An _____ conversation. (Matthew 1:18-24)
- b. Jesus’ birth in _____. (Matthew 1:25)
- c. Magi present _____. (Matthew 2:1-12)
- d. Refugees in _____. (Matthew 2:13-18)
- e. Return to _____. (Matthew 2:19-23; Luke 2:39)
- f. Finding Jesus in the _____. (Luke 2:41-50)

V. Life Principles

- a. Be _____. (Matthew 1:19)
- b. _____ before acting. (Matthew 1:19-20)

- c. _____ about others. (Matthew 1:19)
- d. _____ God. (Matthew 1:20-21, 24-25; 2:13-15, 19-21; Luke 2:21, 39)
- e. Be part of God's salvation _____. (Matthew 1:21-23; 2:17-18, 23)
- f. Pass on your _____. (Luke 2:40; Mark 6:3)