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ADOPTED BY JOSEPH

¹⁸ This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit.

MATTHEW 1:18-25

¹⁹ Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

MATTHEW 1:18-25

²⁰ But after he had considered this,
an angel of the Lord appeared to
him in a dream and said, “Joseph
son of David, do not be afraid to
take Mary home as your wife,

MATTHEW 1:18-25

because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”

MATTHEW 1:18-25

²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: ²³ “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”).

MATTHEW 1:18-25

²⁴ When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. ²⁵ But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son.

MATTHEW 1:18-25

And he gave him the name Jesus.

MATTHEW 1:18-25

¹⁰ When the child grew older, she took him to Pharaoh's daughter and he became her son.

EXODUS 2:10

⁷ Mordecai had a cousin named Hadassah, whom he had brought up because she had neither father nor mother.

ESTHER 2:7

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HONOURED GOD

²⁴ When Joseph woke up, he did
what the angel of the Lord had
commanded him.

MATTHEW 1:24a

Joseph her husband was faithful
to the law.

MATTHEW 1:19

Even in the first chapter of the New Testament, we find God putting aside law and choosing grace.

Aren't [Jesus'] brothers James,
Joseph, Simon and Judas?

MATTHEW 13:55

⁵⁶ Aren't all his sisters with us?

MATTHEW 13:56

The most gracious thing
Joseph could do was
accept God's gift of
fatherhood over Jesus.

Honour God by choosing the way of grace (God's voice) over the way of the law (the rules or unspoken rules that inform our decision-making).

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MARRIED MARY

²⁴ When Joseph woke up, he... took
Mary home as his wife.

MATTHEW 1:24b

Joseph son of David... take Mary
home as your wife.

MATTHEW 1:20

²⁴ That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.

GENESIS 2:24

In marrying Mary, Joseph
created a context for
healthy family.

Bring [him] up in the training and
instruction of the Lord.

EPHESIANS 6:4

In marrying Mary, Joseph
agreed to provide for Mary
and Jesus.

⁵⁵ “Isn’t this the carpenter’s son?”

MATTHEW 13:55

³ Isn't this the carpenter?

MARK 6:3

No matter what kind of father you had or whether your father is still living or has passed, I want to remind you that you also have a Heavenly Father who cares for you and will provide for you.

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NAMED JESUS

And he gave him the name Jesus.

MATTHEW 1:25

¹⁶ At that time they had a well-known
prisoner whose name was
Jesus Barabbas.

MATTHEW 27:16

There they met a Jewish sorcerer and
false prophet named Bar-Jesus.

ACTS 13:6

¹¹ Jesus, who is called Justus,
also sends greetings.

COLOSSIANS 4:11

²¹ She will give birth to a son, and
you are to give him the name Jesus,
**because he will save his people
from their sins.”**

MATTHEW 1:21

Therefore God... gave him **the name
that is above every name.**

PHILIPPIANS 2:9

**At the name of Jesus every knee
should bow, in heaven and on earth
and under the earth.**

PHILIPPIANS 2:10

⁵ He predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will.

EPHESIANS 1:5

**The Spirit you received brought about
your adoption to sonship. And by him
we cry, “*Abba*, Father.”**

ROMANS 8:15

**We wait eagerly for our adoption
to sonship, the redemption of
our bodies.**

ROMANS 8:23

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Just as Jesus was adopted
by an earthly father, we who
believe in Jesus are assured
of our full adoption by our
Heavenly Father.

SERMON REVIEW:

- 1) HONoured GOD
- 2) MARRIED MARY
- 3) NAMED JESUS

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