

Journey Church Hawaii  
Christmas Part Two: "No Ordinary Joe"  
Matthew 1:18-25  
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- I. Joseph, A Just Man [Matthew 1:18-25]
  - A. What is a Just Man?
    - 1. [G1342 dikaios] Upright, blameless, righteous, conforming to God's law and mans; people who lived in accordance with rule, custom
    - 2. In the New Testament, it corresponds to the Divine Standard of Righteousness made possible through faith in Jesus Christ [Romans 3:21-26]
  - B. "Do not be Afraid..." [1 John 4:19]
  - C. Confirmation that He is hearing from God
    - 1. Mary is acting on Obedience
    - 2. More Information
    - 3. Aligning with Scripture and the Character of God
  - D. ACTION!
    - 1. Upholds Marital Agreement
    - 2. Refrains from Physical Intimacy until AFTER the Birth of Jesus
    - 3. Names his Son Jesus
- II. Critical ACTIONS by Joseph
  - A. "You need to MOVE RIGHT NOW!" [Matthew 2:13-15; Hosea 11:1]
  - B. "Time to Return to Israel" [Matthew 2:19-21; Hosea 11:1]
  - C. "Not Bethlehem, but Nazareth" [Matthew 2:22-23; Isaiah 11:1]
- III. I Want to Be a Just [Righteous] Person
  - A. Jesus is the Standard of JUST "Righteousness" [Acts 7:52; 1 John 2:1]
  - B. We are made Righteous through Saving Faith in Jesus [Romans 3:21-26]
  - C. A Just Person lives by ACTIVE Faith [Romans 1:16-17; 2:12; 1 John 3:7]
  - D. Faith comes by Hearing the Word of God [Romans 10:17]