

THE STORY

COUNTRY BIBLE CHURCH SERMON NOTES

Chapter 17: Joseph – A Man of Faith! Matthew 2:13f Chuck Larsen & Richard Palmer, December 26, 2010

INDUCTION CEREMONY INTO THE HALL OF FAME OF FAITH

Hebrew 11:1 (ESV) Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

JOSEPH BELIEVED GOD'S REVELATION EVEN THOUGH...

1. IT WAS

Matthew 1:19-25 (ESV) And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

Proverbs 3:5-6 (HCSB) Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not rely on your own understanding; think about Him in all your ways, and He will guide you on the right paths.

Hebrews 11:19 (ESV) He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back.

2. IT WAS

Matthew 2:13-14 (ESV) Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt I called my son."

Hosea 11:1 (ESV) When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son.

Hebrews 11:24-27 (ESV) By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible.

3. IT WAS

Matthew 2:19-21 (ESV) But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, "Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel.

Hebrews 11:8 (ESV) By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.

4. IT WAS

Matthew 2:22-23 (ESV) But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled: "He shall be called a Nazarene."

John 1:46 (ESV) Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see."

Hebrews 11:13 (ESV) These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth.

Vs 25b (ESV) And he called his name Jesus.