

Christmas Scandal--#2

Scandalous Start

Text: Matthew 1: 18-25

Big Idea: The interaction between God and Joseph in Matthew 1 is a pattern for us of how to trust God in times of devastation.

I. Joseph faced the scandal of Mary's p_____ *Matthew 1:18*

- A) The special nature of Jesus' b_____ *18a*
- B) The serious nature of Mary & Joseph's b_____ *18b*
Matthew 25:1-13
- C) The scandalous nature of Mary's c_____ *18c*

II. Joseph looked for the right c_____ to take through scandal

- A) Joseph desired not to d_____ Mary *19a*
- B) Joseph decided to d_____ Mary quietly *19b*

III. Joseph was asked to become p_____ of God's scandalous plan

- A) God encouraged Joseph: Don't be a _____ *20*
- B) God's expectation of Joseph: Get i_____ *21*
- C) God explained his plan to Joseph: His p_____ fulfilled *22-23*
Matthew 28:20b

IV. Joseph took action *24-25*

- ✓ He did
- ✓ He took
- ✓ He gave

2 Takeaways:

1. Faith calls us to be more concerned about GOD'S r_____ than our own.
2. Faith calls us to trust God's h_____ even when we doubt His h_____.