

# A Season to Celebrate

## Lesson Two: A Season to Hope – Matthew 1:18 – 23

### INTRODUCTION

- The popular song, “It’s the Most Wonderful Time of the Year” was written, recorded and released in 1963 to commemorate Christmas traditions held by many.
- Christmas is a wonderful time to gather with family and friends.
- For many around the world, here in our own part of the country, and even in our own neighborhood, it is often a time of despair, unrest, and hopelessness.
- One minute things can go well and the next minute things can appear to be breaking down.
- A man in the Bible had this experience: *Joseph, the fiance of Mary.*

#### I. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Hope: *Verses 18*

A. To an \_\_\_\_\_ couple.

B. To a \_\_\_\_\_ couple: *Matthew 1:18, Luke 1:26 – 28; Isaiah 7:14*

C. To a \_\_\_\_\_ couple: *Galatians 4:5; 1 Timothy 3:16*

#### II. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Joseph: *Verses 19 – 20a*

A. He pondered \_\_\_\_\_.

B. He pondered \_\_\_\_\_: *1 Corinthians 13:4 – 8*

C. He pondered \_\_\_\_\_: *Isaiah 40:31*

#### III. The \_\_\_\_\_ of God: *Verses 20 – 21*

A. The \_\_\_\_\_ was miraculous: *Matthew 1:20; Luke 1:35; John 1:14; Colossians 2:9; Hebrews 9:14*

B. The \_\_\_\_\_ offers salvation: *Luke 2:11; Luke 19:10; 1 Timothy 1:15; Acts 4:12*

C. The \_\_\_\_\_ is personal: *John 1:10 – 12; Titus 3:5;*

### CONCLUSION:

- How did Joseph receive God's message?
- Scripture does not record his reaction, but his actions.
- Joseph accepted the message from God by obeying God's instructions: all of them.
- When we trust Christ as Saviour, then we can have real hope.

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- A. Hell awaits the Lost.
- B. Help is unavailable in Hell.

## **II. The Good News.**

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