

Joseph and Jesus

Sunday November 29, 2009

Matt 1:18-25

Story

Simple Story – *What Happened* rather than *What it Means*

Shocking Story – Response of all the Men's groups!

Two Characters Emphasized

- Told from Joseph's Point of View
- Story Ultimately About Jesus

Joseph

Imagine Being Joseph!

Consider Joseph's Character

- Righteous, Kind, Obedient

His Story Part of God's Larger Story

Jesus

Messiah – Promised King

- Story Immediately follows Genealogy
- Story of Jesus Culmination of Story of Israel

Jesus – Saviour

Only 'Job Description' given by Angel

Salvation more than 'Forgive'. Salvation is 'Rescue From'

Immanuel – God With Us

A Common Phrase

Meaning Deepened when used in this Story!

So What?

Story – Real God, Real History, Real Rescue

Story – Our Story Part of God's Bigger Story

Salvation – Jesus Came to Rescue Us

Salvation – Join God's Agenda – Bring Rescue

God With Us – Understanding of God

God With Us – Experience of God