

December 13, 2020

Matthew 1:18-25

Matthew: Following the King of Kings
“Joseph’s Dilemma”

INTRODUCTION

1. A WICKED KING AND IMMANUEL
2. JOSEPH’S DILEMMA
3. YOU SHALL CALL HIS NAME JESUS
4. YOU SHALL CALL HIS NAME IMMANUEL

Questions for personal meditation and study

1. Read 2 Kings 16 and Isaiah 7:1-17. What do you make of the fact that the Spirit brings the comforting message of Immanuel, “God is with us” out of such a turbulent time as is recorded in 2 Kings?
2. Why doesn’t Ahaz just trust God and His offer to prove that He is our God and He keeps His promises?
3. We know what Ahaz should have done. What does that say to us when we’re facing our turbulent times?
4. Look at Joseph’s response to the news that Mary’s pregnant in Matthew 1:19. What does this tell you about what it means to be a “righteous” person?
5. What do we usually think of when we think of the word “righteous” as Joseph is described in Matthew 1:19?
6. How does the name JESUS speak to our mission as a church?
7. What does the name “Immanuel” tell us about the divinity of Christ?