



Daily Reflections

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Scripture

Matthew 1: 16, 18-21, 24

Jacob was the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary.
Of her was born Jesus who is called the Christ.
Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about.
When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph,
but before they lived together,
she was found with child through the Holy Spirit.
Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man,
yet unwilling to expose her to shame,
decided to divorce her quietly.
Such was his intention when, behold,
the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said,
"Joseph, son of David,
do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home.
For it is through the Holy Spirit
that this child has been conceived in her.
She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus,
because he will save his people from their sins."
When Joseph awoke,
he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him
and took his wife into his home.

Our Scripture Reflection

There are three times in the Gospel of Matthew when God speaks to Joseph in a dream calling Joseph to do the seemingly impossible. Each time Joseph manifests a most important virtue: Obedience. How could Joseph be so obedient? Because Joseph was first and foremost, humble. Joseph was given the honor of parenting the Savior of the world.

Food for your Journey

Sleep now, little one.

I will watch while you and your mother sleep.

I wish I could do more.

This straw is not good enough for you.

Back in Nazareth I'll make a proper bed for you
of seasoned wood, smooth, strong, well-pegged,
A bed fit for a carpenter's son.

Just wait till we get back to Nazareth.

I'll teach you everything I know.

You'll learn to choose the cedarwood, eucalyptus and fir.

You'll learn to use the drawshave, ax and saw.

Your arms will grow strong, your hands rough - like these.

You will bear the pungent smell of new wood
and wear shavings and sawdust in your hair.

You'll be a man whose life centers
on hammer and nails and wood.

But for now,

sleep, little Jesus, sleep.

-Ron Klug,

"Joseph's Lullaby,"

Decision, December 1973.

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, As Joseph was humble and obedient to Your Heavenly Father, I ask for the Grace of humility so that I may learn to trust You and Your Father at all times. Amen