



Series: *Hanging Out With Jesus*

My Name Is Joseph And This Is My Story

Isaiah 9:6-7, Matthew 1:1-25

1. What are you doing for Christmas this year?
2. Isaiah 9:6-7 predicted that Jesus would come from the family line of David. Yet it was Joseph, not Mary, who was the descendant of David (Matthew 1:1, 16; Luke 3:23). That means it was more important for Joseph to be the earthly father of Jesus than for Mary to be his mother! But then Joseph decided to divorce Mary (Matthew 1:19). How did that situation get resolved according to Matthew 1:20-25?
3. Here's the Christmas story in a nutshell (c.f. Matthew 1:21): Jesus came to pay a debt He didn't owe, because we owed a debt we couldn't pay. What kinds of emotions—emotions like awe, reverence, worship, and love—does the simple story of Christmas evoke for you?

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