



# Lewiston Church of Christ

## December 10, 2017

### Weekly Services

Sunday Morning

Bible Study 9:45 AM

Worship 10:45 AM

Sunday Evening 6:00 PM

Wed Bible Study 7:00 P

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## What About Joseph?

Have you ever had to say, “Honey, you’re right,” to your spouse? I have. Usually, my wife plays hard-of-hearing and asks me to repeat it.

Long ago, a Jewish carpenter named Joseph found himself in such a situation. When the woman he planned to marry turned up pregnant, he was heartbroken. There was no way he could be wrong about how wrong his beloved Mary had treated him.

But he was wrong. God had chosen Mary, a young virgin, to play a unique role in His plan of salvation by giving birth to God’s Son, conceived by the Holy Spirit. But that story was hard for a heartbroken husband-to-be to believe.

Nevertheless, Mary was innocent. Her story checked out, and it took the angel Gabriel to drive that correction home to Joseph. Gabriel said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife for the child who has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.” (Matthew 1:20).

The Bible called Joseph “a righteous man” (Matthew 1:19). That did not mean he was right all the time but that he had decency, deep down. Joseph’s righteousness was given as the reason he did not want to disgrace the woman he thought betrayed him. Instead, he intended to privately call off their marriage. His righteousness prevented him from publically plastering Mary to the wall of justice to teach her a lesson. Though hurt, a righteous kindness survived in Joseph’s soft heart.

I wonder if Joseph said to Mary, “Honey, I was wrong.” I wonder if Mary made him repeat it. In any case, he did marry Mary, linking little Jesus to the royal line of David. So, let’s give some holiday honor to Joseph, even though it did take an angel from God to convince him he was wrong.

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