



**FINDING MY WAY
TO THE MANGER**

Joseph's Story:

Matthew 1:18-25

Why Joseph?

1. Joseph's lineage
2. Joseph's character

Outline:

1. Joseph's betrothal to Mary
2. The complication (culture norms verses God's plan)
3. Joseph's obedience
4. Joseph as Jesus' adoptive father

1. Joseph's Betrothal with Mary:

-Verse 19

-Engagements, then verses now

-A family commitment

2. The Complication, culture norms verses

God's plan:

- Joseph's initial reaction
- Legal punishment, Leviticus 20:10
- Joseph visited by an angel
- Reputation at stake

3. Joseph's obedience:

-Verses 24-25

-Joseph's decision despite the risks



4. Joseph as Jesus' adoptive father:

- The lineage found in the beginning of chapter 1
- Original Sin
- Where salvation comes from (Romans 5)
- Joseph as a father

Application:

1. What part of culture are we fearful of enough that we might ignore what God could be calling us to do?
2. Let Joseph's story be an encouragement to you!
3. Remember where salvation comes from!