

Topic: **The Silent Contributor**

MESSAGE NOTES

**Bible Passage:** Matthew 1:18-25, Luke 2:22-23,  
Matthew 2:13-15



**NOTES**

Joseph took responsibility for helping Jesus grow

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**2 Main Points**

The true story of Christmas is about real people, real places, real events, in real history.  
What would you do, knowing that you won't receive the credit?

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**Beginners Bible Reading Plan- Read One Chapter A Day**

1. The Gospel of John- 3 times
2. The Gospel of Matthew
3. The Gospel of Mark
4. The Gospel of Luke
5. James
6. Proverbs
7. The New Testament (Matthew through Revelation)

**TAKE ACTION**

How will I incorporate prayer in my life?

**Gather-** Join a group - [foxriver.cc/groups](http://foxriver.cc/groups)

**Grow-** Begin a Daily Rhythm of Bible Reading & Prayer- [Youversion.com](http://Youversion.com)

**Give-** Ask God, *How can I honor you in the giving of my time & finances.*

**Go-** I will pray by name for \_\_\_\_\_ to come to know Jesus.

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CHRISTMAS WITH FOX RIVER





The true story of Christmas is about real people, real places, real events, in real history.

*This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”). When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.*

*Matthew 1:18-25*

**Joseph was committed to what was right**

**Joseph was full of compassion.**

**Joseph was very trusting of God.**

**Joseph was a man of true humility.**

**What would you do, knowing that you won't receive the credit?**

**Joseph took responsibility for providing for Jesus.**



*And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.*

*Luke 2:52*

*When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord.*

*Luke 2:22-23*

God does the miraculous and He works with real.

Joseph took responsibility for protecting Jesus.

*When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. Get up, he said, take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him. So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: Out of Egypt I called my son.*

*Matthew 2:13-15*