

This page is designed for you to apply what you have learned from the Scriptures.

Our goal is not just "to know" but to "act upon what we know." (His Word, Our Walk!) We encourage you to discuss the following questions with family, friends and your group.

FOR DISCUSSION:

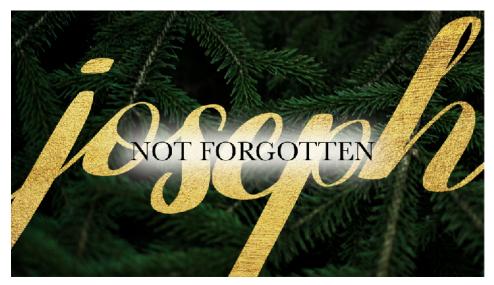
1. In what ways was Joseph very important in the Gospels?

2. In what ways did Joseph seem insignificant? Can you think of other things that we did not discuss in our study?

- 3. Do you think that Joseph was satisfied with his role in God's plan?
- 4. What would you NOT have liked about being Joseph? What would have been your greatest joy?
- 5. What have you learned in this series that can be most helpful in your walk with Christ?

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THE SIGNIFICANCE OF JOSEPH

 Joseph was seemingly story. 	ý	in the Christmas
It was Joseph's go to Bethlehem.		that forced the family to
Luke 2:4 So Joseph also to Bethlehem the town of David, to Bethlehem there to register with Mexpecting a child.	because he belonged	
— Joseph was in the	the	of our Lord's birth.
Luke 2:16 So they hurried off ar lying in the manger.	nd found Mary and Jo	seph, and the baby, who was
— Joseph was a Jerusalem for purificatior		
Luke 2:22 When the time came Joseph and Mary took him to Jeru		
dreams, and Jose Matt. 2:14 So he got up, to	eph protected the pok the child and his r	in at least e Baby from nother during the night and left
for Egypt, 15 where he staye		
2. Joseph was a visit to Jerusalem at the		tory of Jesus and His

Luke 2:48 When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you."
3. Joseph apparently with his adopted Son and taught
Him a
Matt. 13:55 "Isn't this the carpenter's son?
Mark 6:3 Isn't this the carpenter?
THE INSIGNIFICANCE OF JOSEPH
1. Joseph never a in the entire Bible.
2. Joseph is carefully referred
to as the of Mary but never by Matthew or the angel as
the of Jesus.
Matt. 1:15 Elihud the father of Eleazar, Eleazar the father of Matthan, Matthan the father of Jacob, 16 and Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary, and Mary was the mother of Jesus who is called the Messiah.
Matt. 2:20 and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother
3 the Jerusalem story when Jesus was 12 years old, Joseph does not again in Scripture.
4. It is likely that Joseph was when Jesus His ministry.
Luke 4:22 All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips. "Isn't this Joseph's son?" they asked.
John 6:42 They said, "Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I came down from heaven'?"
5. But it is also likely that Joseph shortly after
Jesus began His ministry.
Matt. 12:46 While Jesus was still talking to the crowd, his mother and brothers stood outside, wanting to speak to him. 47 Someone told him, "Your mother and brothers are standing outside, wanting to speak to you."
John 19:25 Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. 26 When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, "Woman, here is your son," 27 and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.
THE PURPOSE FOR JOSEPH
1. Joseph gave Jesus His (even though Jesus was adopted) which made Jesus the rightful to Israel's

throne. This was necessary to who would take the	of David.
2. Joseph and of the	his family and was Lord.
3. But Joseph had to to become Israel's _	to allow for his adopted
Matt. 2:2 and asked, "Where is the one who has his star when it rose and have come to worship Mark 15:18 And they began to call out to him, "I John 18:37 "You are a king, then!" said Pilate. king. In fact, the reason I was born and came in	s been born king of the Jews? We saw him." Hail, king of the Jews!" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a
Everyone on the side of truth listens to me." John 19:19 Pilate had a notice prepared and to OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS.	
— Could Joseph have known this v Luke 2:33 The child's father and mother marvele Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his moth falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sig the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And NOTE:	d at what was said about him. 34 Then er: "This child is destined to cause the gn that will be spoken against, 35 so tha d a sword will pierce your own soul too."
Not many people would have "life. His life and work went large did was " the scenes." Bu to Joseph than any other reminds us that although it seems to still in God's plan.	ut most of us can relate person in the nativity. This
Two Lessons for Focus:	
1. God has a plan and purpose Rom. 12:2 Do not conform to the pattern of this be transformed by the renewing of your mind. T will be able to test and approve what God's will good, pleasing and perfect will. 2. Although we may sometimes insignificant, God and our work a love forever.	world, but then you is—his

Heb. 6:10 God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them.