

THE FORGOTTEN MAN AT CHRISTMAS: JOSEPH

(Matthew 1:18-2:23)

I. His _____

A. He was a _____ man (Matt. 1:18-19)

1. Discovered Mary's _____ in the midst of their _____ period

2. Decided on a quiet _____ after careful _____

a. Demonstrated _____—unwilling to marry an _____ woman

b. Demonstrated _____—unwilling to have Mary _____ for _____

c. Demonstrated _____—unwilling to subject Mary to _____

B. He was an _____ man (Matt. 1:20-25)

1. Received a message in a _____ from an _____

a. Called Joseph “son of _____”

b. Told Joseph to _____ his betrothed

c. Told Joseph to _____ the child _____

2. Responded in _____ and _____

II. His _____

A. During Jesus' _____ (Matt. 2:1-15)

1. Relocated the family to _____

2. Received a _____ in a dream to move to _____

3. Responded in _____ and _____

B. During Jesus' _____ and _____ (Matt. 2:19-21)

1. Persevered in _____ God's _____

a. Summoned in a dream to _____ to _____

b. Cautioned in a dream to _____

2. Provided for Jesus a _____ training (Luke 2:51-52)

3. Prepared Jesus for _____ (Mark 6:3)

III. His _____

A. He _____ enough to risk forfeiting all other

1. Took Mary as his _____

2. Reared a child _____

B. He _____ enough to _____
his _____ around _____