

## The Journey Study Sheet Week 2

### Opening Prayer

*Eternal God, you have given us a time of preparation for the kingdom of you Son. Make my heart ready for the brightness of your glory and the fullness of your blessing in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### Biblical Foundation

Read Matthew 1:18-25 before watching the video

### Video Session: Joseph of Bethlehem

Using Amplify Media, watch the second session of the Journey Study. The videos were filmed at Biblical and archaeologically important sites in Israel. Our presenter is Adam Hamilton, the author of our book and pastor at Church of the Resurrection, a United Methodist Church in Kansas.

### Video and Book Reflection *(you may choose to write your thoughts)*

1. What did you see in the video or read in the book that surprised you or was new to you? How does this new information shape your understanding of the Christmas Story?
2. Why was Bethlehem such an important city to the Jewish people?
3. Do you think Joseph was an old widower or a young man?
4. Joseph's was a "Tekton" (builder / carpenter). In what ways do you think this profession influenced Joseph as a husband and a father?

**Video 2** (posted at [www.crawfordvilleumc.org/the-journey/](http://www.crawfordvilleumc.org/the-journey/))

This video was filmed in the Sanctuary during the Wednesday Night Advent Study Week 2. In this segment, Pastor Paul will provide additional teaching about Matthew 1:18-25 and Matthew's contrast of Joseph and Herod. The scriptures referring to King Herod the Great are found in Matthew 2:1-23. Below is an outline and scriptures that will aid your study.

**1:18-19:** The punishment for an engaged woman having an affair was \_\_\_\_\_ for both the man and the woman. (Deut. 22:23-24)

**1:20-21:** By giving Jesus a name Joseph officially recognized Jesus as his son and made him a direct \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.  
- Isaiah 43:1 "I have called you by name, you are mine."

**1:22-23:** The first of many OT quotes comes from Isaiah 7:14. In addition to quoting Isaiah, Matthew defines \_\_\_\_\_.

**1:24-25:** Joseph's \_\_\_\_\_ is highlighted.

### **Joseph vs. Herod in Matthew**

**Joseph was** \_\_\_\_\_

"When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife." - Matt. 1:24

**Herod was** \_\_\_\_\_

"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." - Matt. 2:13

*Joseph introduces a powerful theme in Matthew:  
We must choose to follow Jesus, especially when it is costly to do so.*