

Today's Theme

“Chasing Christmas”

Today we'll contrast *Joseph & Adam*

Part 1 CC - Doyle Surratt

1. We contrasted *Mary & Eve*.

- (1) As to their *response* to God.
- (2) Eve wanted *more* than she had.
- (3) Mary *followed & accepted* things.
- (4) Mary wanted: “A *different* kind of more”.

2. Mary's calling was *unique & lasting*.

- (1) Mary was called by God to *serve*.
- (2) Mary had a *unique pregnancy*.
- (3) Mary was *chosen to birth Jesus*.
- (4) Mary was *called to a life* of ministry.

Acts 1:14 They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

1. To help *build* the church.
2. To live a real life *following* Jesus.
3. People listened when she *spoke*.

Part 2 CC - Jim Mackinga

1. Beside being the *first* what about Adam.

- (1) Adam listened to his *wife* (After she's set up).
- (2) Adam wanted to be *close* to his *wife*.
- (3) Adam *ignored* the command God gave.
- (4) Adam faced a *grocery* list of human issues.
 1. *Pride - Ambition & Self-focus*.
 2. Raw human *unbelief*.
 3. *Ungrateful* for what he had.

2. What about Joseph the *step-dad*?

(1) Joseph was a *good & tenderhearted* man.
Matt 1:19 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.

(2) Joseph was willing to *listen* to God.

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

(3) Joseph was a *hard-working craftsman*.

Matt 13:55 “Isn't this the carpenter's son? Isn't his mother's name Mary, and aren't his brothers James, Joseph, Simon and Judas?”

(4) Joseph again listened to *warning & fled*.

Matt 2:13 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.” 14 So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt,

1. Joseph didn't *delay*.
2. Joseph didn't *blame* anyone.
3. Joseph got *up* & did what was *asked*.

(5) When the *threat is* neutralized he *listens*.

Matt 2:20 and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who were trying to take the child's life are dead.” 21 So he got up, took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel.

Two key things to go after at Christmas

“A *different* kind of more”
“A *listening* life & heart”