

ADVENT: THE GIFT OF ASSURANCE

As preached on Sunday, December 12th

Read: Matthew 1:18-25

1. Imagine for a moment that you are Joseph and you've just learned that your fiancé Mary is pregnant. How do you feel?
2. Do you think Mary tried to explain to Joseph what had happened? Do you think there is any chance at all that Joseph believed her story?
3. What three options did Joseph have available to him? What did he initially decide to do? Why?
4. Eventually Joseph was given a fourth option. What was it? How was he made aware of it?
5. Joseph awakens from his dream and does exactly as he's been told, making him the father to the Savior. How do you think it felt for Joseph to parent Jesus?
6. Though he doesn't utter a single word in scripture, Joseph's life makes a huge impact on the Christian story. What can we learn from Joseph's life this Advent Season?