



FIVE CHRISTMASSES

Joseph: The Family Man

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3 Things Joseph Gave Up On Earth...

1. R_____.

“¹⁸ This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. 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,” (Matthew 1:18-19 NIV).

2. R_____.

“²⁴ When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife,”
(Matthew 1:20-24 NIV).

3. R_____.

“⁴ So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. ⁵ He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. ⁶ While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, ⁷ and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them,” (Luke 2:4-7 NIV).

Questions for personal reflection and discussion

1. Was it “right” for Jesus to die in our place? What “rights” might we as Christians have to *let go* of in order to do what God is calling us to?
2. Jesus had a reputation for being a “friend of sinners”. In what ways might we as Christians have to *let go* of our reputation to do what God is calling us to?
3. The Bible says Jesus emptied Himself, taking the role of a servant when He came to earth. What earthly rewards might we be called to *let go* of in order to do what God is calling us to?
4. What Rights, Reputation, and Rewards to God give to those who follow Him?

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