
He Changed His Mind

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Joseph could not sleep, he could not eat. He had no peace about his fiance / wife having a baby that was not his. What should a man do? He loved her and respected her, ...until now.

"I am not even angry at her", he might have said to himself. "Why? Because this is so out of character for Mary. Instead, I feel confused."

Why would she do it? Why would she risk death, not only in carrying another's child, but announcing it as the Messiah? Either way she was subject to public stoning. If she needed an excuse, why create something so impossible to believe? Surely, with her imagination, she could invent something that everyone would readily accept.

That day Joseph made the decision. He could wait no longer, the best thing to do was to divorce her quietly, let not on know, allow her to live.

He made up his mind.

What kind of person are you? When you make up your mind, do you stick by it? Life and death decisions, as Joseph had to make, were done in agony, full of strong emotions, had to be well thought out, and difficult to implement.

God waited until Joseph had decided. In Matthew 1:20a, "But, after he had considered this..." is a beautiful verse. Joseph always had a choice. Now God would see if he would change and accept God's mind.

The Bible tells us to have mind of Christ, not the mind of man or ourselves.

Joseph accepts the mind of God. He does so with action and no argument. He becomes the silent, obedient servant. And the rest is history.

Choose today what mind you will have. Confess your stubbornness and let go. Will you change your mind? 