

PURPOSE CHURCH

SUNDAYS 8:30am | 10:00am | 11:30am



DECEMBER 8, 2024

THE REAL JESUS

What He Said, What He Did, and How We Follow

WELCOME TO PURPOSE CHURCH!

Are you new to Purpose Church?

We are so glad you are here! We want to meet you, answer any questions you might have, and help you get connected. Come to the Connect Center located in the Lobby after the service to meet our friendly team and pick up a free gift!

NEXT STEPS AT PURPOSE

We believe every person has a *next step* to take. We are here to help you discover and take yours.

Have you decided to follow Jesus?
Do you want to get baptized?
Do you need hope, healing and support?
Are you looking for meaningful community?

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JOIN US THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON!

Christmas

WITH PURPOSE

[PURPOSECHURCH.COM/CHRISTMAS](https://purposechurch.com/christmas)

PRAYER

We would love to pray with you!
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after the service or submit a
prayer request online.
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GIVING

We believe that generous people
transform the world! Offering
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WHEN LIFE GETS MESSY RESPOND LIKE JOSEPH

Decemeber 8, 2024 / Pastor Eric Holmstrom

MATTHEW'S GOSPEL 101

Q1: Who wrote the Gospel of Matthew?

A1: According to Papias of Hierapolis (from modern Turkey) who lived between 60-130 AD and was a friend of John the gospel writer and disciple of Jesus, "the first Gospel" was written by the disciple Matthew who had been a tax collector.

Matthew 9:9-10

Q2: When was the Gospel of Matthew written?

A2: It was most likely written between 70-80 AD.

Q3: Who were the first recipients of the Gospel of Matthew?

A3: Jewish Christians, with a commitment to reaching the Gentiles (all non-Jews), who lived in and around Antioch of Syria.

Q4: What is the Gospel of Matthew about?

A4: Matthew wrote, above all else, to prove that Jesus of Nazareth was indeed the promised Messiah-King. Matthew used the phrase "kingdom of heaven" thirty-two times and "kingdom of God" four times. Matthew wants to show us the **real Jesus** who is the **real King** of the world and whose kingdom can be experienced here and now!

#1 - JOSEPH WAS _____ BEFORE HIS FAITH WAS TESTED

Matthew 1:18-19

#2 - JOSEPH WAS _____ WHEN HIS FEELINGS WEREN'T

Matthew 1:20-23

Psalm 130:7-8

#3 - JOSEPH WAS _____ EVEN WHEN HIS FUTURE WAS UNCERTAIN

Matthew 1:24-25

REFLECT + DISCUSS

1. **REFLECT:** Read Matthew 1:18-25. How would you have responded to the situation Joseph found himself in?
2. **DISCUSS:** How are you currently handling the messy, painful, and confusing situations of your life?
3. **DISCUSS:** What is an example of a time in your life when your relationship with God helped you get through a painful season or circumstance?
4. **DISCUSS:** Which of Joseph's three responses is God calling you to focus on: faithfulness, patience, or obedience?
5. **DISCUSS:** When you read the story of Jesus' birth through the lens of Joseph, what stands out to you and what further questions do you have?

Fill in the blanks: FAITHFUL, PATIENT, OBEDIENT

