

Christmas: The birth of Christian theology

- Jesus, being fully God and man, is a Person to _____.
- Theology is seeking to _____ the Person you have experienced.

Understanding God through the life of Joseph

(Matthew 1:18 – 2:23)

Today, we approach the life and ministry of Joseph in light of the question, "Whom does God _____ and to whom does God give an _____?"

American ministry seems to honor the person who has a highly communicative, spotlight seeking, verbally skilled, leadership trained, and energetic personality profile. Joseph, who in my estimation is the man with the most important God _____ in history, may have been entirely different from the much-honored American ministry profile. Western evangelical Christianity is only one perspective.

God Trusts a Man of _____

Matthew 1:24; Psalm 25:9; Matthew 23:12

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Matthew 1:24; Genesis 22:17-19; Deuteronomy 11:1; 1 Samuel 15:21-23

God Trusts a Man of _____ (the exercise of sound judgment in practical affairs)

Matthew 1:24; Proverbs 8:12; Proverbs 12:23

Augustine said, "Prudence is love choosing wisely between the things that help and those that hinder."

Isidore said, "A prudent man is one who sees as it were from afar, for his sight is keen, and he foresees the event of uncertainties."

God _____ Joseph's character, which included
humility, obedience, and prudence and _____
Joseph with:

- _____ and _____ the mother of His Son
- The _____ of the holy family
- The _____ care of His Son

Joseph was:

_____ the Great Shepherd
_____ the Messiah
_____ the Redeemer
_____ the Creator
_____ the Truth
_____ the Christ
_____ the Provider
_____ the Light
_____ the Bread of Life
_____ the Savior

When God sees your humility, obedience, and prudence He will
_____ you with something He greatly values.

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