

Questions for Gospel Harmony #7

Matthew 1.18-25

1. What relationship did Mary sustain to Joseph at this time? What was the cultural meaning of this relationship? (Verse 18)
2. How does this scripture describe Joseph's character? What is the meaning of a "public example"? How did Joseph intend to deal with Mary? (Verse 19)
3. Who appears to Joseph in a dream? What is the significance of the phrase "do not be afraid"? From what would Jesus save His people? (Verses 20-21)
4. What prophecy does Matthew say was fulfilled in Jesus' virgin birth and where is this prophecy found? What is the meaning of "Immanuel"? (Verses 22-23)
5. How did Joseph respond to the angel's instruction? Based on what these verses say, is it reasonable to conclude that Mary remained a perpetual virgin and had no other children (as alleged by Roman Catholics)? (Verses 24-25)