Joseph, A Just Man

Matthew 1:19-25

Intro:

A. So far we have seen the character of Mary.
   1. She was espoused.
   2. She was a virgin.

B. But what of Joseph?
   1. Did God also choose him? Was it important to the birth of His Son?
   2. What of his character?

I. Joseph, Her Husband. v.19

A. "Then Joseph her husband, being a just man..."
   1. husband = ανηρ = an adult man, husband
   2. just = δικαιος = fulfilling all claims which are right and becoming, conforming to God’s Word.
   3. This explains all the man’s actions.

B. "...and not willing to make her a publick example..."
   1. willing = θελω = to will, purpose. Joseph willed to protect Mary and not himself.
   2. δημιουργω = “to expose publicly,” “humiliate.”
   3. If he stated that he had not had sex with Mary, she would have been thought guilty of adultery.

C. "...was minded to put her away privily."
   1. minded = βουλομαι = “be willing,” “to resolve.”
   2. απολυω = “to let loose from,” “let go free.”
   3. privily = λαθρα = “secretly,” “by stealth.”
   4. “He decided to break off the engagement privately.” - Gspd.

II. The Message Of God. vs.20-21
A. "But while he thought on these things..."
   1. thought = ενθυμομαι = to consider.
   2. while he was contemplating this step." - Wey.

B. "...behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto
   him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of
   David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy
   wife..."
   1. behold = οντος = imperative. Look, listen.
   2. appeared = φανω = "to make light," "let
      shine," "to throw light upon," "to
      appear."
   3. dream = ονειρε = "a vision in sleep."
   4. The genealogy of Joseph is verified.

C. "...for that which is conceived in her is of the
   Holy Ghost..."
   1. conceived = γενναω = of woman, to bear, to
      bring forth.
   2. "Her child is from the Holy Spirit." - Beck.

D. "And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt
   call his name Jesus."
   1. Jesus = Ιησους = Jehoshua or Joshua,
      Jehovah the Savior.
   2. You must name him, Jesus, the saving one.

E. "...for he shall save his people from their sins..."
   1. save = σωκω = "to preserve safe from
      danger.
   2. sins = αμαρτα = "miss the mark, failure
      to live up to a standard or fulfill one's
      duty."
   3. The mission is plain. The plan is God's.
      The purpose is grand.

III. The Fulfilling Of Prophecy. vs. 22-23.

A. All of this had been prophesied.
   1. All of these things occurred.
   2. That all things prophesied.
   3. They spoke the Lord's mind.

B. The prophecy.
1. \text{virgin} = \pi\alpha\rho\theta\epsilon\upsilon\sigma = \text{virgin.}
2. \text{εν γαστρι} = "in womb"
3. \text{Emmanuel} = "God with us".

IV. The Obedience of Joseph.

A. "The Joseph being raised from sleep did as the
angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto
him his wife."
  1. "and brought him his wife." - Wey
  2. Joseph believed God, he believed Mary, he
     submitted to God's will and did what God
     said.

B. "And knew her not till she had brought forth her
firstborn son: and he called his name Jesus."
  1. "but had no intercourse with her" - Phi
  2. "and he named the child Jesus" - Gspd.