



Matthew 1:18-25, NKJV

Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.





And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.” So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: “Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,” which is translated, “God with us.” Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife, and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name Jesus.





Matthew does not want to show Joseph
as someone who's suppressing
Christmas, but as someone who is
struggling in the silence
that often precedes the work of God.



μὴ θέλων ... ἐβουλήθη
Not wanting ... was minded

speaks of
purpose, determination,
and the will
(motivated by justice)

speaks of
tendency, expresses a
person's inward disposition
(motivated by compassion)



δίκαιος dikaios

just, righteous, and correct

To be just is to condition one's life by a standard which is not ours but God's.

(Romans 2:13; 5:7; 1 Tim 1:9)

Living justly speaks of a person whose actions conform to their character.

(1:19; 5:45; 10:41; 13:17, 43, 49; 20:4; 23:29, 35, 25:37, 46; 27:19).





Matthew 9:13

“But go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’
For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners”





A just person neither
ignores wrong
nor
condemns the wronged



ἐνθυμέομαι enthumeomai
to ponder, consider, or meditate

A compound word.

‘en’ (1722) meaning in, and thumos (2372) meaning mind and thought,
but also anger, wrath, indignation, and outbursts.

It speaks of a spirit that has been provoked.

