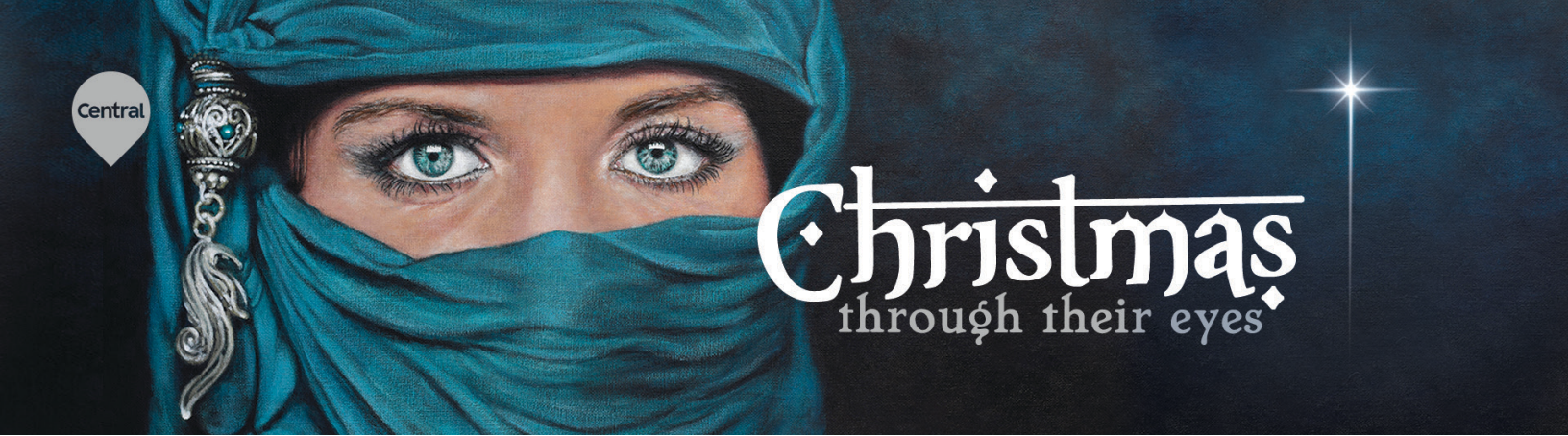




Christmas

through their eyes

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BOTTOM LINE

To see Christmas through Joseph's eyes is to respond to wrong as servants of the Lord. We don't seek justice without showing compassion.

KEY VERSES

Matthew 1:18-25
Deut. 22:23-24
Isaiah 42:1-3
Proverbs 15:1
Romans 2:1-4
Ephesians 4:26

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What was your major takeaway from the message this morning?
2. What thoughts and emotions spring to mind when you read Deuteronomy 22:23-24 as the context for Joseph's actions in Matthew 1:19?
3. Joseph was a man of justice 'AND YET'. How does Isaiah 42:1-3 develop your understanding of the kind of justice servants of the Lord pursue? What implications does this have for you today?
4. When you are wronged how easy is it for you to be compassionately just?
5. The word 'considered' implies a sense of anger, wrath and rage in Joseph's ponderings (Matthew 1:20). How did this thought challenge the way you viewed the character of Joseph?
6. How does your anger get recycled as grace?
7. In His ministry, Jesus told parables about fathers and masters, both of whom had the right to be angry, showing compassion and grace.
 - How important was the thought of God's grace when you came to faith in Christ?
 - How significant is it that Jesus saw this trait modelled in his step-father?
 - How significant could this be for our children if we allow our anger to be reprocessed as grace?