# Three People Who Changed The Way We Live



Nicolas Appert

Nicolas Appert was a confectioner in Paris when he learned of a reward offered by the Emperor Napoleon, to be given to whomever developed a workable method of preserving food for his armies. Appert had noticed that food prepared in sealed jars did not spoil. While he never ascertained the science behind the phenomena (Pasteur did decades later) the Frenchman established the House of Appert, the world's first food canning factory, and published his technique in 1810. Because French tin was of low quality, Appert canned his products in glass jars, which remains the favored process for home canners around the world 200 years later.



**Edward Jenner** 

In the late 18th century no disease was as feared as was smallpox, and physicians had no effective means of treating the highly contagious disease. Edward Jenner discovered that victims of a less dangerous disease – cowpox – developed an immunity to smallpox. Jenner created the practice of immunization through vaccination, developing the world's first vaccine and the means of applying it. By the end of the 20th century smallpox was declared to have been eradicated worldwide. Jenner was both the father of vaccination and immunology, and has been credited with saving more lives than any other human being in the history of the world.



Luigi Bezzerra

Prior to 1901, espresso was brewed in large quantities which were retained in urns, rather than fresh individual servings. That year a Milanese entrepreneur and coffee lover developed and patented the worlds' first single serving espresso machine, which was installed in a coffee bar in Milan and which became an immediate success. The machine both produced a single serving of espresso quickly (less than 30 seconds) and removed the danger of scalding which baristas had faced whenever they brewed a batch of the beverage. Although an acquired taste, there is little doubt that the widespread popularity of espresso owes itself to the unknown Bezzerra.

# What About Joseph?

Matthew 1:18-25

### Would You Rather Be Famous Or Faithful?

**Matthew 12:50** 

For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.

#### **Matthew 1:18-25**

- 18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.
- 19 Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily.
- 20 But while he thought on these things, 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: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.

#### Matthew 1:18-25 - continued

- 21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.
- 22 Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, 23 Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.
- 24 Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife:
- 25 And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS.

#### I. God Used His Circumstances

#### A. His lineage

**Luke 2:4** 

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)

#### **B.** His location

Matthew 2:23

And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, He shall be called a Nazarene.

#### I. God Used His Circumstances

C. His levy

Luke 2:1-3

- 1 And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed.
- 2 (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.)
- 3 And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.
- D. We need to have God use our circumstances Philippians 1:12
- But I would ye should understand, brethren, that the things which happened unto me have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the gospel;

#### **II. God Used His Spiritual Condition**

**A.** Obedience (1:24)

**Romans 16:19** 

For your obedience is come abroad unto all men. I am glad therefore on your behalf: but yet I would have you wise unto that which is good, and simple concerning evil.

**B.** Purity (1:25)

2 Timothy 2:22

Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

#### **II. God Used His Spiritual Condition**

C. Righteousness (1:19)

**Matthew 13:43** 

Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

- D. Can God use your spiritual condition?
- 2 Timothy 2:20-21
- 20 But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour.
- 21 If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.

#### III. God Used His Commitment

- A. Joseph was there for Mary
- B. Joseph was there at Christ's birth Luke 2:16
- And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.
- C. Joseph was there to protect the Christ-child Matthew 2:13
- And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him.

#### III. God Used His Commitment

D. Joseph was there until Jesus began His ministry Luke 2:51

And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them: but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart.

#### **Luke 3:23**

And Jesus himself began to be about thirty years of age, being (as was supposed) the son of Joseph, which was the son of Heli,

#### III. God Used His Commitment

E. Could God use your level of commitment? 2 Timothy 1:12

For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.

## God Will Use You If You Let Him

1 Peter 5:6

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: