

Matthew 1:18-25 **Birth of Jesus**

¹⁸ 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. ¹⁹ Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. ²⁰ 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. ²¹ And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins." ²² So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: ²³ "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us." ²⁴ Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife, ²⁵ and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name JESUS. NKJV

Facts Revealed:

- ✚ In the Book of Luke, we learn that; [\[Luke 1:23-38\]](#)
 - ✧ Mary was a virgin and espoused to a man named Joseph.
 - ✧ When Elizabeth was in her sixth month of pregnancy carrying John the Baptist in her womb, the angel Gabriel came to the virgin Mary in Nazareth and informed her that she would conceive in her womb by the power of the Holy Spirit while she was still a virgin, and bear a son. [\[Luke 1:26-31, 34-35\]](#)
 - ✧ She was to name Him Jesus, and He would be called, "The Son of The Highest" and the Lord God would give Him the throne of David, to reign forever. [\[Luke 1:31-33\]](#)
 - ✧ Gabriel then informed Mary that Elizabeth, her cousin who had been known to be barren, was in her sixth month of pregnancy. [\[Luke 1:36\]](#)
 - ✧ Nothing is impossible with God. [\[Luke 1:37\]](#)
 - ✧ Mary went from Nazareth in the area of Galilee to Bethlehem in the area of Judah, and stayed with Elizabeth about three months which would be after the birth of John the Baptist. [\[Luke 1:39-56\]](#)
 - ✧ When Mary returned to Nazareth, she would have been at least three months pregnant and her pregnancy would be discernable to anyone. [\[Luke 1:56\]](#)
- ✚ So when we pick up the story in Matthew, we learn that; [\[Matthew 1:18-25\]](#)
 - ✧ Mary was found to be with child by the Holy Spirit before she and Joseph came together.
 - ✧ Joseph knew that the child could not possibly be his own, so he was prepared to put her away secretly, not wanting to make her a public example. [\[Deuteronomy 24:1\]](#)
 - ✧ 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.**" [\[Matthew 1:20-21\]](#)
- ✚ His purpose as revealed by God, was to **save His people from their sins.** [\[Matthew 1:21\]](#)
- ✚ Matthew was a Levite and familiar with the Jewish Scriptures, and therefore he was able to demonstrate the fulfillment of prophecy in his writings, so he quoted the appropriate text:
 - ✧ 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." [\[Isaiah 7:14\]](#)

✠ Joseph did as the Angel of the Lord commanded him, and he took Mary as his wife, but they did not have sexual relations until she had given birth to her firstborn Son. They called His name Jesus according to the command of the angel of the Lord. [\[Matthew 1:24-25\]](#)

✠ In all of this, we learn that when God wants to speak to someone, he does it.

✠ We also learn that when God spoke to Joseph, even in a dream, Joseph did as instructed.