

Matthew 1:18-25 NLT The Announcement to Joseph This is how Jesus the Messiah was born. His mother, Mary, was engaged to be married to Joseph. But before the marriage took place, while she was still a virgin, she became pregnant

through the power of the Holy Spirit.

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Joseph, to whom she was engaged, 19 was a righteous man and did not want to disgrace her publicly, so he decided to break the engagement quietly. As he considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream. "Joseph, son of David," the angel said, "do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. For the child within her was conceived by the Holy Spirit.

- And she will have a Son,
 and you are to name Him Jesus,
 for He will save His people from their sins."
- All of this occurred to fulfill the Lord's message through his prophet:
- 23 "Look! The virgin will conceive a Child! She will give birth to a Son, and they will call Him Immanuel, which means 'God is with us.' "

24 When Joseph woke up,
he did as the angel of the Lord commanded
and took Mary as his wife.

25 But he did not have sexual relations with her until her son was born.
And Joseph named him Jesus.

Luke 2:1-7 NLT •

- At that time the Roman emperor, Augustus, decreed that a census should be taken throughout the Roman Empire.
- 2 This was the first census taken when Quirinius was governor of Syria.
- 3 All returned to their own ancestral towns to register for this census.

And because Joseph was a descendant of King David, he had to go to Bethlehem in Judea, David's ancient home.

He traveled there from the village of Nazareth in Galilee.

He took with him Mary, to whom he was engaged, who was now expecting a child. 6 And while they were there, the time came for her baby to be born.

7 She gave birth to her firstborn son.
She wrapped him snugly in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger,
because there was no lodging available for them.









