

JOSEPH THE FAITHFUL

Matthew 1:18-25

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. Joseph, to whom she was engaged, 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: "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.'" When Joseph woke up, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded and took Mary as his wife. But he did not have sexual relations with her until her son was born. And Joseph named him Jesus.

1. Joseph the _____
 - a. Marriages were _____ and _____ by the parents at that time
 - b. There was a _____ waiting period under the _____
 - c. They did not _____ together, or have _____ during this time

- d. The waiting period was to _____ the _____ of the _____ of _____
- e. If a woman was to be found with _____, she was not _____ or _____ to her new husband
- f. Josephs _____ was _____ when he discovered her with _____
- g. He loved her so much, he did not want to _____ her _____
- h. Such an act could have _____ in Mary being _____

2. Joseph the _____
 - a. Joseph was of the _____ of _____, and _____
 - b. Joseph, as many were at the time, was likely educated in the coming of the _____
 - c. Not in person, but in a _____, an _____ told Joseph that her pregnancy was not by _____, but by the _____
 - d. The angel _____ him that _____ would _____ the child _____
 - e. He told him he was the coming _____ that was _____

- f. He reminded him of the prophesy regarding a _____ with child
- g. These words must have brought Joseph comfort and a reminder of the _____ of God

3. Joseph the _____
- a. In light of the _____, Joseph remained with Mary, regardless of _____ in the community
 - b. He _____ all customs and traditions by _____ taking Mary into his home and not waiting the _____
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 - c. He _____ the angel and took Mary as his wife, but did not have _____ with her during that time
 - d. He _____ the angel and named the baby _____
 - e. Joseph raised _____ as his _____, as a _____, as a _____

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