

## Matthew 1:18-25 (NLT)

### The Birth of Jesus the Messiah

**18** 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. **19** 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<sup>[a]</sup> quietly.

**20** 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. **21** And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus,<sup>[b]</sup> for he will save his people from their sins.”

**22** 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,<sup>[c]</sup>

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.

### Footnotes:

- a. 1:19 Greek *to divorce her*.
- b. 1:21 *Jesus* means “The Lord saves.”
- c. 1:23 *Isa 7:14; 8:8, 10* (Greek version).