



## Good News...Great Joy...For All People

*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. Matthew 1:18-25*

1. Notice God's kindness to Joseph even with his doubts and fears.
2. See Joseph's obedience to God's commands in spite of the circumstances.  
*Luke 2:1-7; Micah 5:2*
3. The result of the Good News of Jesus is great joy for all who call Him Lord.  
*Luke 2:8-20*

**The Good News & Great Joy of Jesus Christ demands a response:**

- We must believe it.
- We must treasure it.
- We must tell it!

*Share the joy that is Jesus with all you meet this Christmas.*