

## Mary and Joseph

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### I. Mary

The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you." *(Luke 1:28)*

And Mary said: "My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. *(Luke 1:46-48)*

But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end." *(Luke 1:30-33)*

"How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?" *(Luke 1:34)*

The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. *(Luke 1:35)*

"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." Then the angel left her. *(Luke 1:38)*

### II. Joseph

Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. *(Matt 1:19)*

But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins. *(Matt 1:20-21)*

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”). When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. (*Matt 1:22-24*)

But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus. (*Matt 1:25*)

The child’s father and mother marveled at what was said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: “This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too.” . . . Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem. (*Luke 2:33-38*)

When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. “Get up,” he said, “take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. . . So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt . . . And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: “Out of Egypt I called my son.” (*Matt 2:13-15*)

After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who were trying to take the child’s life are dead.” (*Matt 2:19-20*)

So he got up, took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. . . and he went and lived in a town called Nazareth. So was fulfilled what was said through the prophets, that he would be called a Nazarene. (*Matt 2:21-23*)

Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. (*John 19:25*)

### **III. How our trust impacts our decisions and state of mind**

**Do you only believe in God, or do you trust him too?**

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.  
(*Prov 3:5*)

**When was the last time you made a decision that required you to trust God?**

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? . . . You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder. . . You see that a person is considered righteous by what they do and not by faith alone. (*James 2:14-24*)

**Given the things that worry you, what does that tell you about how you trust God?**

Then Jesus said to his disciples: “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. Consider the ravens . . . Consider how the wild flowers grow. . . If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! . . . But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well. (*Luke 12:22-31*)