

**Joy to the World**  
**Part 2**  
**“The News”**

**Matthew 1 NIV**

**18** This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. **19** 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.

**20** 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.**

**21** 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.**”

**22** All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet:

**23** “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and **they will call him Immanuel**” (which means “God with us”).

## **1. The News came to take away Fear**

**Vs. 19,20**

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- The Angel of the Lord said to Joseph, “Do not be afraid”
- Joseph was in a situation where fear was pushing him away from the very thing God had chosen him for...
- So the News to him was **“Do not be afraid”**

## 1 John 4

**16** God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. **17** This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus. **18** There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment.

- Fear Punishes
- Fear Paralyzes
- Fear Prevents
  
- The Message the Angel brought to Joseph that day had nothing to do with fear...
- The News the Angel brought was a Message Purpose and Reassurance...

### **Vs. 20**

***“do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because **what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.**”***

Isaiah Prophesied these words

## **Isaiah 9**

**6**

For to us a child is born,  
to us a son is given,  
and the government will be on his shoulders.  
And he will be called  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

**7**

Of the greatness of his government and peace  
there will be no end.

- The Message was Good News...

## 2. The News was He is a Savior

### **Vs. 21**

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Jesus: Hebrew Origin - Yeshua, Joshua or Jehoshua; means - Jehovah is salvation

The name we hear in the English, Jesus; is different from what Joseph heard that day...

Joseph heard the name Yeshua or Jehoshua which is the same name as Joshua in the OT.

Joshua son of Nun and successor to Moses, the leader of the children of Israel;

He was the one who led them out of the Desert and into the Promise Land.

So what Joseph heard was God is sending a Joshua of God...

He is a Savior from God...

His name means Jehovah is Salvation...

He will be a Savior and Deliverer...

He will lead his people into the Promise Land...

The News that day brought Understanding to Joseph...

## 3. The News was Good for all the people

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This was Good News for all the People...

How is this good news for the people?

From Malachi to Matthew there was 400 Years of Silence in Israel...

No Prophet...

No Word from God...

No Revival...

Only the Law and the Traditions of man...

When Jesus comes he awakens the reality of God...

He is Immanuel = God with us...

It's Luke 2:8,9

8 And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. 9 An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 10 But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people."

Until the Glory of the Lord appears

You do what you know how to do...

They didn't know what to do with a Blind man Bartimaeus...

They didn't know what to do with a Man at the Pool of Bethesda...

They didn't know what to do with a dead Lazarus...

They didn't know what to do with a Woman caught in Adultery...

But when Immanuel shows up and the Glory of the Lord appears, this is Good News for the People...

Jesus is Perfect Theology...

For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

He shows, all the people, how God does things...

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