

An angel of the Lord suddenly appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, don’t be afraid to take Mary as your wife, because what has been conceived in her is by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to name Him Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins.” Now all this took place to fulfill what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet: See, the virgin will become pregnant and give birth to a son, and they will name Him Immanuel, which is translated “God is with us.” When Joseph got up from sleeping, he did as the Lord’s angel had commanded him. He married her.

Matthew 1:20b-24 HCSB

Signs of Goodness . . .

1. Joseph honored God with his sexuality.

Mary was engaged to be married to Joseph . . .

Matthew 1:18b NLT

While she was still a virgin she became pregnant by the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 1:18c TLB

2. Joseph was considerate of Mary's reputation.

Then Joseph, her fiancé, being a man of stern principle, decided to break the engagement but to do it quietly, as he didn’t want to publicly disgrace her.

Matthew 1:19 TLB

3. Joseph listened to and obeyed God.

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.”

Matthew 1:20b NIV

“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.”

Matthew 1:21 [NIV]

4. Joseph became a fully-engaged father.

When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord.

Luke 2:22 NIV

Every year Jesus’ parents traveled to Jerusalem for the Feast of Passover.

Luke 2:41 MSG

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