

That's Not My Baby!

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what has been conceived in her is by the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will give birth to a son, and you are to name Him Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins.”

²² Now all this took place to fulfill what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

²³ 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.”

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Two Prominent “Josephs” — one in OT and one in NT

- Both were sons of a father named **Jacob**
- Both were thrust into “**unfair**” **circumstances**
- Both were **dreamers**

1. Joseph's discovery of a painful truth. (vs. 18)

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2. Joseph's discovery of what to do. (vs. 19)

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3. Joseph's dream that directed his actions. (vs. 20-23)

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4. Joseph's decision about the baby. (vs. 24-25)

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Consider these truths of Joseph's life:

- When God has a task, He has someone fully capable of meeting the requirements of that task.
- Joseph models the kind of love every husband and father ought to display in their home.

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- Joseph is an example of how the most important thing in the world can come to the least important people of the world.
- Joseph's greatest achievement was his complete and humble obedience to the Word of God.