

WHATTA MAN!

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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 (NLT)***

Qualities of a Mighty Good Man:

1. Joseph was **RIGHTEOUS**.

*Joseph, to whom she was engaged, was a [righteous man](#), **Matthew 1:19a (NLT)***

*Joseph was a [good man](#), **Matthew 1:19a (CEV)***

*Because Joseph her husband was [faithful to the law](#), **Matthew 1:19a (NIV)***

*Blessed are those who are persecuted [because of righteousness](#), for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. **Matthew 5:10 (NIV)***

2. Joseph was **CARING**.

*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](#). **Matthew 1:19 (NLT)***

But suppose the man's accusations are true, and he can show that she was not a virgin. The woman must be taken to the door of her father's home, and there [the men of the town must stone her to death](#), for she has committed a disgraceful crime in Israel by being promiscuous while living in her parents' home. In this way, you will purge this evil from among you."



Deuteronomy 22:20-21 (NLT)

Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

Galatians 6:2 (NIV)

3. Joseph was **COURAGEOUS**.

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Matthew 1:20-21 (NLT)

**If you live off the compliments of people,
you will die from the criticisms of people.**

**You can please all of the people some of the time.
You can please some of the people all of the time.
But you can't please all of the people all of the time!**

For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline. 2 Timothy 1:7 (NLT)

4. Joseph was **OBEDIENT**.

When Joseph woke up, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded and took Mary as his wife. Matthew 1:24 (NLT)