

Mary

Matthew 1:19-21, 24-25; Luke 1:26-30, 34-39, 46-50, 56; Luke 2:21-22, 25, 28, 30-40

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Transition

After many years, God finally sent the Promised Savior. This is the story of his birth.

Luke 1:26-33

...God sent *an* angel...to a virgin named Mary. She was engaged to be married to a man named Joseph...*The angel* appeared to her and said, “Greetings...! *God* is with you!” Confused and disturbed, Mary tried to think what the angel could mean. “Don’t be afraid, Mary,” the angel told her, “*because God has decided to bless you! You will become pregnant and have a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be very great and will be called the Son of the Most High God...God will make him king of his people, and he will reign over them forever...!*”

Luke 1:34-35, 37-40

Mary asked the angel, “But how can *I have a baby?* I am a virgin.” The angel replied, “*God’s Spirit will come on you...because nothing is impossible with God.*” Mary responded, “I am *God’s* servant, and I am willing to accept whatever He wants. May everything you have said about me come true.” And then the angel left her. A few days later, Mary went to visit her cousin...*who lived in a different town.*

Luke 1:41-50, 56

When Mary saw her cousin, they rejoiced together. Her cousin said, “You are blessed because you believed that the Lord would do what he said...” Then Mary said, “Oh, how I praise God. How I rejoice in God my Savior! Because He took notice of His...servant..., and from now on all generations will call me blessed, because God...has done great things for me. His mercy goes on from generation to generation, to all who fear (revere, are devoted to) Him.”...

Matthew 1:19-21

Joseph, her fiancé, discovered that Mary was pregnant...but he did not want to disgrace her publicly, so he decided to break the engagement quietly. As he considered this, he fell asleep, and an angel from God appeared to him in a dream. “Joseph...” the angel said, “do not be afraid to go ahead with your marriage to Mary...The child inside her was conceived by God’s Spirit. And she will have a son, and you are to name Him Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins.”

Matthew 1:24

When Joseph woke up, he did *what* the angel...commanded and took Mary as his wife...

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A few months later, a son was born to Mary in Bethlehem.

Luke 2:21-22, 25, 28

...He was named Jesus, the name given Him by the angel...His parents took Him to Jerusalem, *the special city where they worshiped God, to present Him to God in their place of worship. When they got there, they met an old man who had been waiting for the Promised Savior to come and save his people. When he saw Jesus, he took the child in his arms and praised God...*

Luke 2:30-32

“...I have seen *the Savior you have given to all people. He is a light to reveal God to the nations...*”

Luke 2:33-35

Joseph and Mary were amazed at what was being said about Jesus. Then the old man blessed them, and he said to Mary..., “This child will be rejected by many, and it will be their undoing. But He will be the greatest joy to many others...And you will suffer.”

Luke 2:39-40

Jesus’ parents returned home. There the child grew up healthy and strong. He was filled with

