

HOLI-DAZE

Part 1 :: Mary and Joseph

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Luke 1:26-38 (Mary's Story)

God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, ²⁷ to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named JOSEPH, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was MARY. ²⁸ The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

²⁹ MARY was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. ³⁰ But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, MARY; you have found favor with God. ³¹ You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, ³³ and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end."

³⁴ "How will this be," MARY asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"

³⁵ The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.

³⁸ "I am the Lord's servant," MARY answered. Let it be to me as you have said." And the angel left her.

Matthew 1:18-25 (Joseph's Story)

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 a righteous man and 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").

²⁴ When JOSEPH woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took MARY home as his wife. ²⁵ But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

FAITH is...

1. Total _____.

The angel went to Mary and said, 'Greetings, you who are highly favored. The Lord is with you.' Luke 1:28

Mary was greatly troubled, Luke 1:29

I am God's servant. Let it be with me just as you have said. Luke 1:38

Because Joseph was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had it in mind to divorce her quietly. Matthew 1:19

2. COMPLETE _____.

...an angel appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife.' Matthew 1:20

She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save people from their sins. Matthew 1:21

When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel had commanded him and he took Mary home as his wife... and he gave him the name Jesus. Matthew 1:24-25

3. FOLLOW UP _____.

Dear brothers and sisters, what's the use of saying you have faith if you don't prove it by your actions? That kind of faith can't save anyone. James 2:14 (NLT)

So you see, it isn't enough just to have faith. Faith that doesn't show itself by good deeds is no faith at all—it is dead and useless. James 2:17 (NLT)

Isn't this the carpenter? Isn't this Mary's son... Mark 6:3

I tell you unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and the Pharisees, the teachers of the law, you cannot enter the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 5:20