

The Life of Joseph Matthew 1:18-24

*The birth of Jesus Christ came about this way: After his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, it was discovered before they came together that she was pregnant from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ So her husband, Joseph, being a righteous man, and not wanting to disgrace her publicly, decided to divorce her secretly. **Matthew 1:18-19 (Christian Standard Bible)***

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

*But after he had considered these things, an angel of the Lord 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 from 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.” **Matthew 1:20-23 (Christian Standard Bible)***

The Angel Gave Joseph Three Assurances

1. A _____ prophecy.
2. A _____ person.
3. A _____ presence.

*“We must never allow anything to blind us to the true significance of what happened at Bethlehem so long ago. Nothing can alter the fact that we live on a visited planet.” **J. B. Phillips***

*For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has been tempted in every way as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Therefore, let us approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in time of need. **Hebrews 4:15-16 (Christian Standard Bible)***

*²⁴ When Joseph woke up, he did as the Lord’s angel had commanded him. He married her ²⁵ but did not have sexual relations with her until she gave birth to a son. And he named him Jesus. **Matthew 1:24:25 (Christian Standard Bible)***