



VOICES OF ADVENT

“Example is always stronger than precepts; a good man’s life often teaches **more than his words.**”

- JC HARVEY





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MATTHEW 1:18 ^{NIV}

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.



MATTHEW 1:19 ^{NIV}

Because Joseph her husband was **faithful to the law (a just man)**, and yet **did not want to expose her to public disgrace**, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.



MATTHEW 1:20-23 NIV

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”).

OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECIES **FULFILLED**

Born of a Woman Gen 3:15

Seed of Abraham Gen 22:18

Tribe of Judah Gen 49:10

Family of David 2 Sam 7:12-13

Born in Bethlehem Micah 5:2

Son of a Virgin Isaiah 7:14



MATTHEW 1:24-25 ^{NIV}

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.

JOSEPH
IS A MAN WHO...

...trusts God's Word.

...puts others needs ahead of himself.

...endures hardship.

...remains faithful in all things, always.

JOSEPH IS A MAN WHO
LOVES WELL.





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Seeks **God's best** for them
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Seeks to **obey Him**
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- John 14:15, 23-24



MATTHEW 1:18a, 21, 23 ^{NIV}

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*“If we could condense all the truths of Christmas into only three words, these would be the words: ‘**God with us.**’*

More astonishing than a baby in the manger is the truth that this promised baby is the omnipotent Creator of the heavens and the earth!”

- JOHN MACARTHUR



JOHN 3:16-17 ^{NIV}

For **God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son**, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.