

This is how the **birth of Jesus Christ** came about: His mother **Mary** was **pledged** to be **married** to **Joseph**, but **before** they **came together**, she was **found** to be with **child** through the Holy Spirit.

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JOSEPH – 10 Points

1. A **carpenter** – *Mt. 13:55* “Isn’t this the carpenter’s son?”

2. A **hard worker**

3. A **righteous** man *Mt. 1:19*



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**

Up most of the night - finally an exhausted sleep

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 be with child
and will 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 had no union with her until she gave birth to a son.** *Patience* And he gave him the name **Jesus.**

4. **Patient** *Mt. 1:25 no sex with his wife for six months*

5. **Obedient** – *4 dreams - right away all four times*

6. Probably **QUIET**

Luke 2:48-40 – Mary talked!

Mt. 1 – no talking by Joseph

7. Carried **Shame, Cutting Gossip & Ridicule** *Mt. 2:11 On coming to the house*

8. **Un-noticed, set aside, gave up all attention** – *Jn. 19:25-27 & Mk. 6:3 died before Jesus ministry began.*

9. **Poor** – *Luke 2:22-24*



10. **Flexible** – had his entire life plans disrupted by God.

Life **NOT** going as **YOU** had **planned**.

1. Mary pregnant
2. Mocked and ridiculed in his own town
3. Census
4. Fleeing to Egypt
5. Not Noticed or appreciated

NEXT week

Dec. 16-18

Mt. 2:1-18



The **WISE** Men

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**FASCINATING Political information
that Herod understood in greeting them.**

Anointing