

¹⁸ 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.

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.

JOSEPH – 10 Traits

1. A **carpenter** – Mt. 13:55 “Isn’t this the carpenter’s son?”
2. A **hard worker**
3. A **righteous** man Mt. 1:19
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 and ridicule** Mt. 2:11 *On coming to the house*

BORE the shame of people thinking that he had sex with Mary BEFORE marriage.
From their perspective → WHY ELSE would he marry her?

Then – as he grew up – Jesus may have looked DIFFERENT than his brothers and parents.
Thus, the gossips would wonder if Joseph was a stupid sucker and Jesus was a bastard child.

8. **Un-noticed, set aside, gave up all attention** –
Mk. 6:3 died before Jesus ministry began.
John 19:25-27
9. **Poor** - Luke 2:22-24
10. **Flexible** – had his entire life plans disrupted by God.

Life NOT going as you had planned.

- Mary pregnant
- Mocked and ridiculed in his own town
- Census
- Fleeing to Egypt
- Not Noticed or appreciated