



Matthew 1:18–25(NIV)

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¹⁸ 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 faithful to the law, and yet 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.

Notes:

Advent waiting is waiting for the King of kings.

“This is the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah the son of David, the son of Abraham.” Matthew 1:1

“...and Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary, and Mary was the mother of Jesus who is called the Messiah.” Matthew 1:16

“Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” Matthew 2:2

Advent waiting involves obedience through adversity.

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- an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream (Matt 1:20; 2:13; 2:19; 2:22)
- he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him (Matt 1:24; 2:14; 2:21; 2:22–23)

Hearing and Doing

Advent waiting puts us in the line of fire of evil forces.

Advent waiting remembers the cost of peace.

Matthew 1:20–21

“For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.” Colossians 1:19–20