

Joseph and Mary

STEPPING INTO CHRISTMAS

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...*

Luke 1:26-27 (NIV) *...God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, 27 to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary.*

Luke 1:28-33 (NIV) *The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you." 29 Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. 30 But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. 31 You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. 32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, 33 and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end."*

Luke 1:39 (NIV) *At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, ⁴⁰ where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth.*

Luke 1:56 (NIV) *Mary stayed with Elizabeth for about three months and then returned home.*

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 (NLT) *Joseph, to whom she was engaged, was a righteous man...*

Deuteronomy 22:20-21 *But suppose the man's accusations are true, and he can show that she was not a virgin. 21 The woman must be taken to the door of her father's home, and there the men of the town must stone her to death, for she has committed a disgraceful crime in Israel by being promiscuous while living in her parents' home. In this way, you will purge this evil from among you.*

Matthew 1:19 (NLT) *Joseph, to whom she was engaged, was a righteous man and did not want to disgrace her publicly, so he decided to break the engagement quietly.*

Deuteronomy 24:1 *...Having discovered something wrong with her, he writes a document of divorce, hands it to her, and sends her away from his house.*

Matthew 1:20 (NLT) *As he considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream. "Joseph, son of David," the angel said, "do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. For the child within her was conceived by the Holy Spirit.*

1. Don't be _____.
2. You're going to have a baby, _____ by the Holy Spirit.
3. Name him _____.

_____ we can't solve
 _____ we can't control
 _____ we can't meet

She responds _____

Luke 1:34 (NIV) *"How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"*

Some doubt seeks _____, and some doubt is a defense against the
 _____ of answers.

She responds _____

Luke 1:38 (NIV) *"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." Then the angel left her.*

Luke 1:46-47 (NIV) *And Mary said: "My soul glorifies the Lord 47 and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior*

She responds in _____ surrender

1. Are you willing to _____ anything the Bible clearly says to do, whether you _____ it or not?
2. Are you willing to _____ God in anything he sends into your life, whether you _____ it or not?

She responds in _____

Luke 1:48-49 (NIV) *for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, 49 for the Mighty One has done great things for me—holy is his name.*

Colossians 1:27 (NLT) *...And this is the secret: Christ lives in you...*

CHRISTMAS ISN'T ABOUT WHAT IS _____
 CHRISTMAS IS ABOUT WHAT _____.