

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.

<sup>19</sup> 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.