

## Conception and Birth of Jesus – Matthew 1:18-25 (New American Standard Bible)

<sup>18</sup> Now the birth of Jesus the <sup>[a]</sup>Messiah was as follows: when His mother Mary had been <sup>[b]</sup>betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be pregnant by the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup> And her husband Joseph, since he was a righteous man and did not want to disgrace her, planned to <sup>[c]</sup>send her away secretly. <sup>20</sup> But when he had thought this over, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; for <sup>[d]</sup>the Child who has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup> She will give birth to a Son; and you shall name Him Jesus, for <sup>[e]</sup>He will save His people from their sins." <sup>22</sup> Now all this <sup>[f]</sup>took place so that what was spoken by the Lord through <sup>[g]</sup>the prophet would be fulfilled: <sup>23</sup> "BEHOLD, THE VIRGIN WILL <sup>[h]</sup>CONCEIVE AND GIVE BIRTH TO A SON, AND THEY SHALL NAME HIM <sup>[i]</sup>IMMANUEL," which translated means, "GOD WITH US." <sup>24</sup> And Joseph awoke from his sleep and did as the angel of the Lord commanded him, and took *Mary* as his wife, <sup>25</sup> <sup>[j]</sup>but kept her a virgin until she gave birth to a Son; and he named Him Jesus.