



The Story Behind the Christmas Story

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Matthew 1:18-19 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.

Joseph—Before Jesus

- Had a _____
- _____ and _____
- _____ Guy Who Wants to Do the _____ Thing
- Doesn't Know Who to _____ or _____ to Believe

There is Some of This Everyday Joe in _____ of _____

Matthew 1:20-25 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 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. And he gave him the name Jesus.

The One Thing

I Can _____ The _____ of _____ Too!

What Does the Story Behind the Christmas Story Mean For Me?

1. I Can Be _____ Too!

Matthew 1:21 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."

2. I Can _____ that God is _____ Me!

Matthew 1:23 "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel"--which means, "God with us."

3. I Can _____ God to Keep His _____!

Matthew 1:22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet.

4. I Can _____ that Tomorrow's _____ Starts With Today's _____!

Matthew 1:24-25 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. And he gave him the name Jesus.