



'An angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said,  
*"Joseph, descendant of David, do not be afraid to take Mary to be your wife. For it is by the Holy Spirit that she has conceived. She will have a son, and you will name him Jesus — because he will save his people from their sins."*

Now all this happened in order to make what the Lord had said through the prophet come true, "A virgin will become pregnant and have a son, and he will be called Immanuel" (which means, "God is with us").' Matthew 1:20-23

'At that time the Emperor Augustus ordered a census to be taken throughout the Roman Empire. Everyone, then, went to register himself, each to his own town.

Joseph went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to the town of Bethlehem in Judea, the birthplace of King David. Joseph went there because he was a descendant of David. He went to register with Mary, who was promised in marriage to him. She was pregnant, and while they were in Bethlehem, the time came for her to have her baby. She gave birth to her first son, wrapped him in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger — there was no room for them to stay in the inn.

There were some shepherds in that part of the country who were spending the night in the fields, taking care of their flocks. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone over them. They were terribly afraid, but the angel said to them,

*"Don't be afraid! I am here with good news for you, which will bring great joy to all the people. This very day in David's town your Saviour was born — Christ the Lord! And this is what will prove it to you: you will find a baby wrapped in strips of cloth and lying in a manger."*

Suddenly a great army of heaven's angels appeared with the angel, singing praises to God: *"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom he is pleased!"*

When the angels went away from them back into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, *"Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us."*

So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph and saw the baby lying in the manger. ...The shepherds went back, singing praises to God for all they had heard and seen; it had been just as the angel had told them.' Luke 2:1-16, 20.



1

What are the names given to the child in these passages? What do the names mean?

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- 2.
- 3.
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- 5.

2

If you had to plan the event of the birth of God's Son, what arrangements would you have made?

What was different about the way Jesus was born?

Why do you think God planned it this way?

3

Think about these words of Saint Paul. Do you have the same attitude as Jesus? Do you share the lives of those who are weak? Write a prayer.

*Look out for one another's interests, not just for your own. The attitude you should have is the one that Christ Jesus had: He always had the nature of God,*

**MEMORIZE!** *he did not think that*