

# Joseph the Protector

Matthew chapters 1-2





A Tribute to the Original,  
Traditional, One-Hundred-Percent, Red-Blooded,  
Two-Fisted, All-American Christmas...



# A CHRISTMAS STORY

METRO-GOLDWYN-MAYER Presents  
A BOB CLARK FILM "A CHRISTMAS STORY"  
Starring MELINDA DILLON DARREN MCGAVIN and PETER BILLINGSLEY  
Based on the novel "IN GOD WE TRUST, ALL OTHERS PAY CASH" by JEAN SHEPHERD  
Screenplay by JEAN SHEPHERD & LEIGH BROWN & BOB CLARK Produced by RENE DUPONT and BOB CLARK  
Directed by BOB CLARK

PG PARENTAL GUIDANCE SUGGESTED  
SOME MATERIAL MAY NOT BE SUITABLE FOR CHILDREN



MY favorite  
Christmas movie



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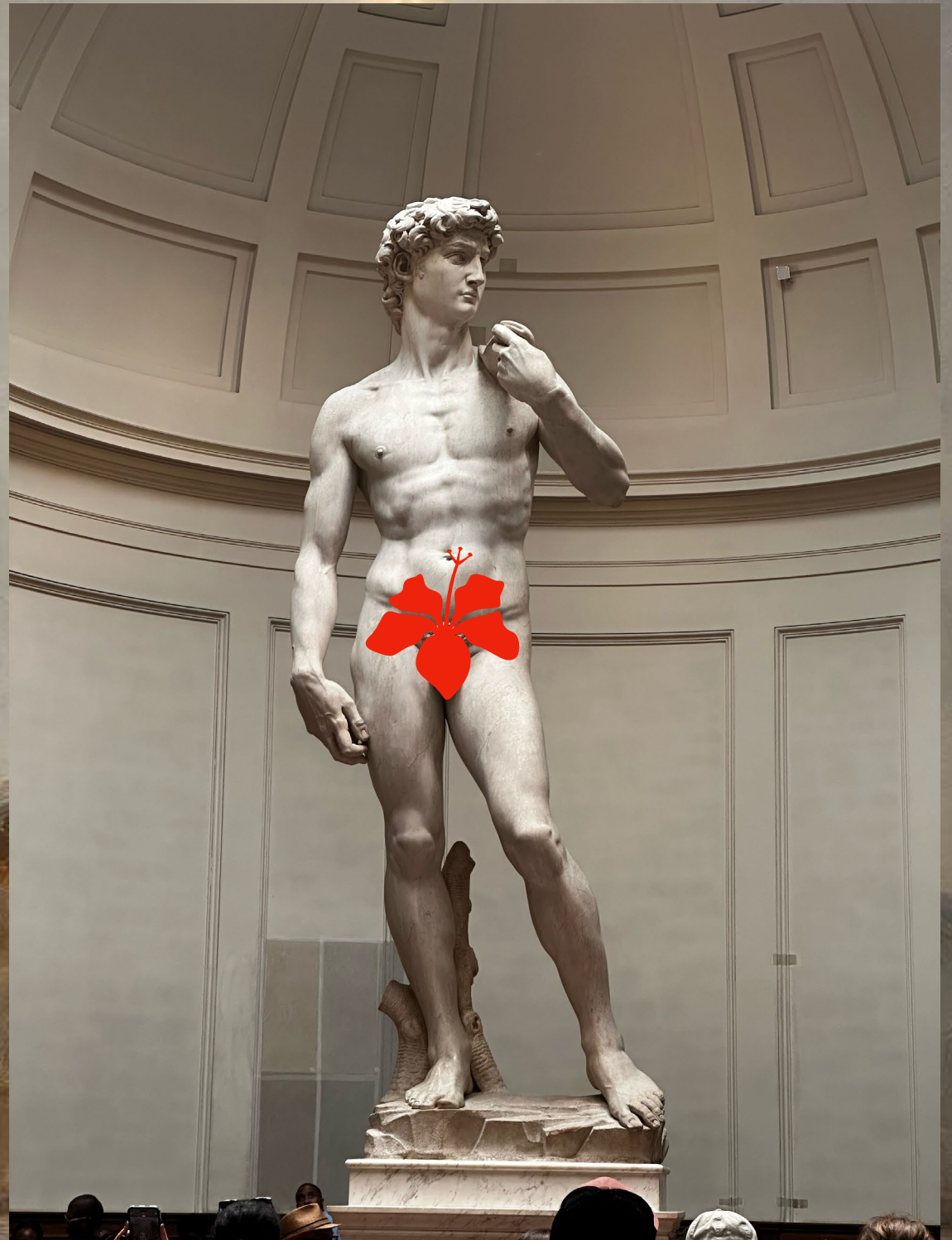
- The account





# Background

- The account
- The man
  - Quiet
  - Just
  - Gracious
  - Compassionate
  - Humble
  - *Faithful*





# Ordinary Man, Extraordinary Encounters

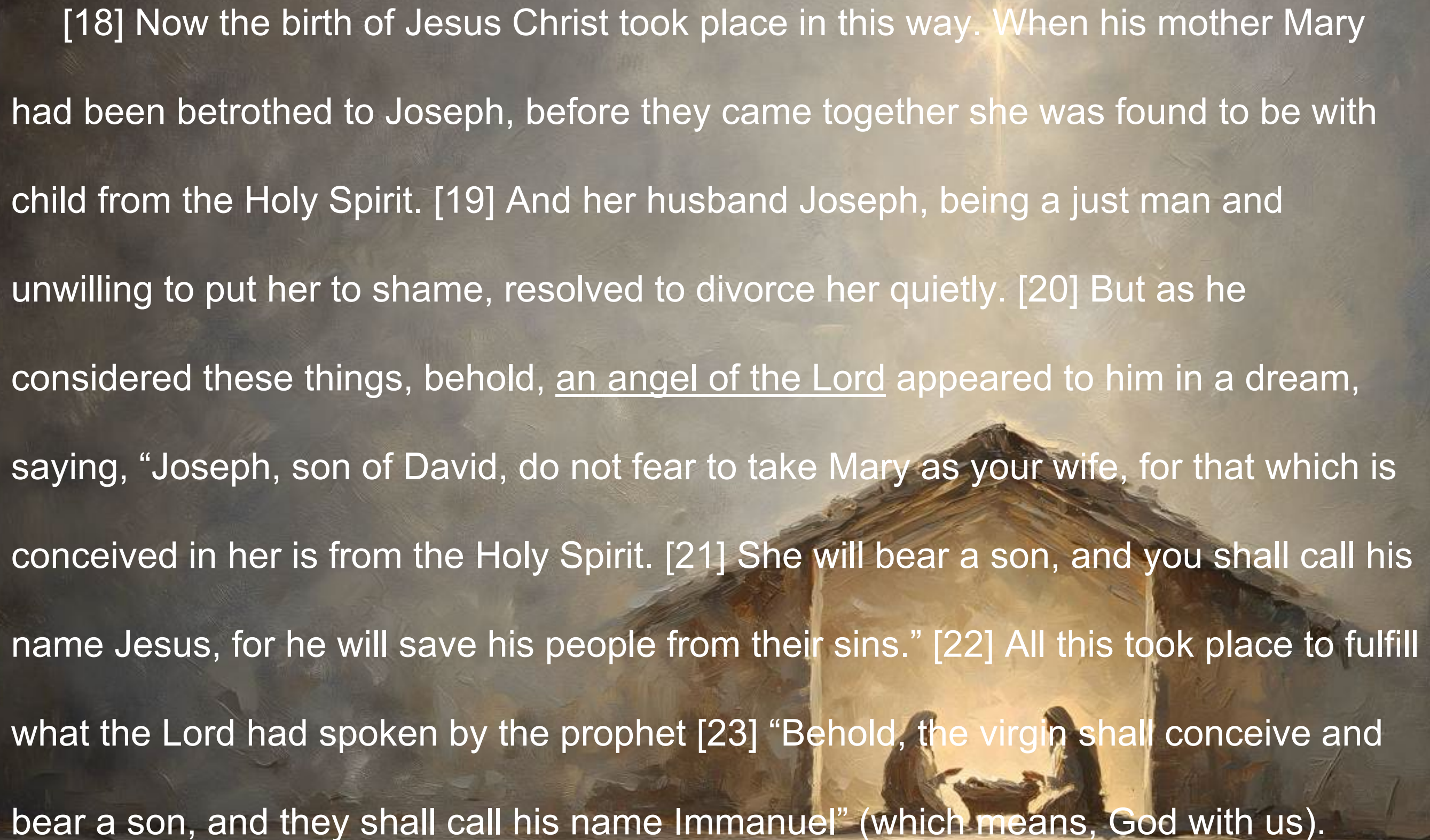
- Dream 1: marry Mary





## Matthew 1:18–23

[18] Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. [19] And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. [20] But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. [21] She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” [22] All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet [23] “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us).

A painting of the Nativity scene. Mary and Joseph are seated in a stable, looking at the infant Jesus who is lying in a manger. A bright star shines in the sky above them.



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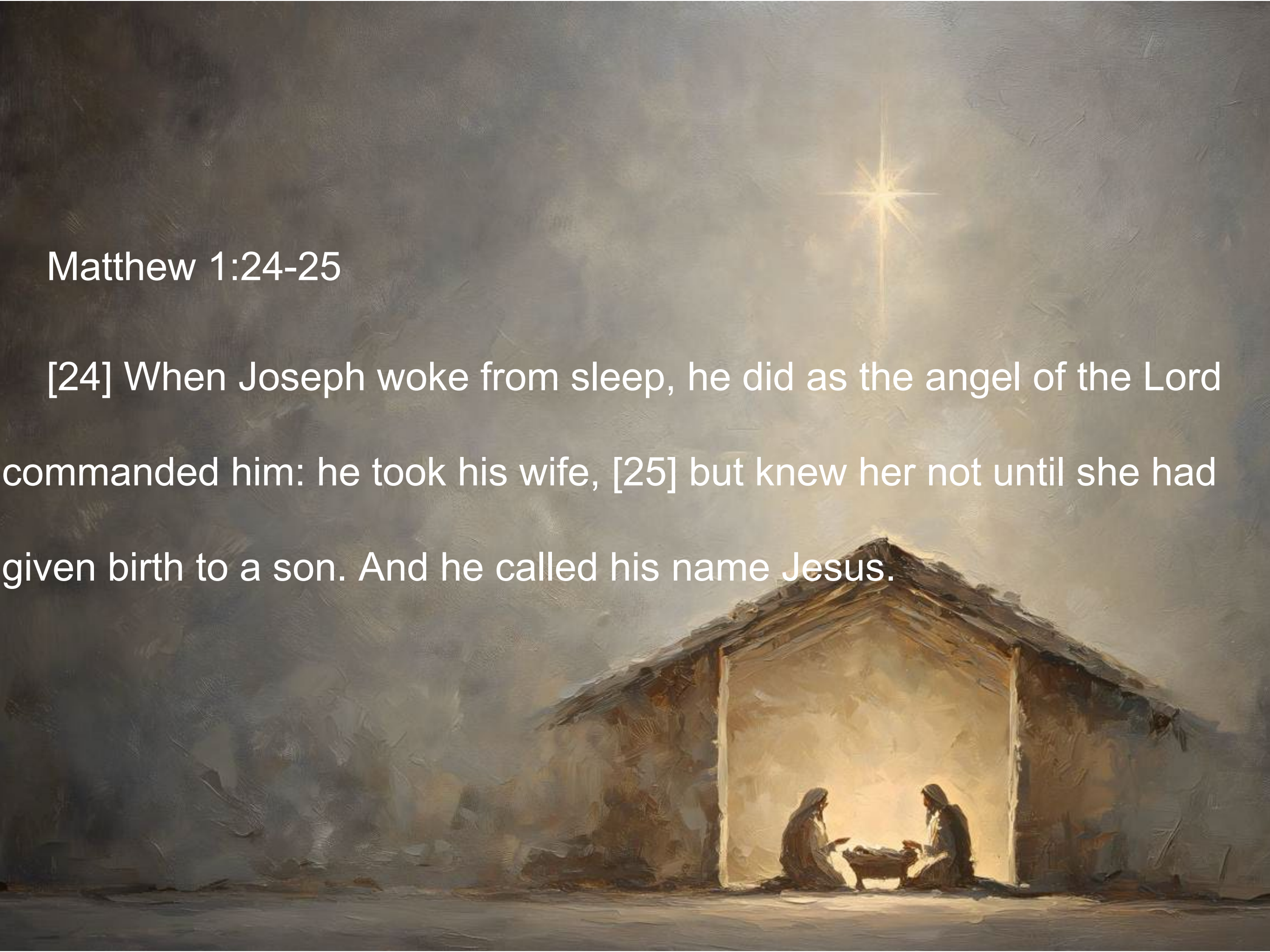
- Dream 1: marry Mary
- Joseph's character
- Protecting prophecy
- Protecting Jesus and Mary





## Matthew 1:24-25

[24] When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, [25] but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.





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# Ordinary Man, Extraordinary Encounters

- Dream 2: flee






Matthew 2:13–15

## The Flight to Egypt

[13] Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” [14] And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt [15] and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, “Out of Egypt I called my son.”

A painting depicting the Flight to Egypt. In the foreground, Joseph, Mary, and the infant Jesus are shown in a stable. Joseph is kneeling on the left, Mary is kneeling on the right, and the infant Jesus is lying in a manger between them. They are all looking up at a bright, multi-pointed star in the sky. The background is a dark, textured sky with some clouds. The overall style is that of a religious painting, with a focus on the figures and the star.



# Ordinary Man, Extraordinary Encounters

- Dream 2: flee
  - Joseph's character
  - Protecting prophecy
  - Protecting Jesus and Mary





# Ordinary Man, Extraordinary Encounters

- Dream 3: go home
- Dream 4: but not to Judea

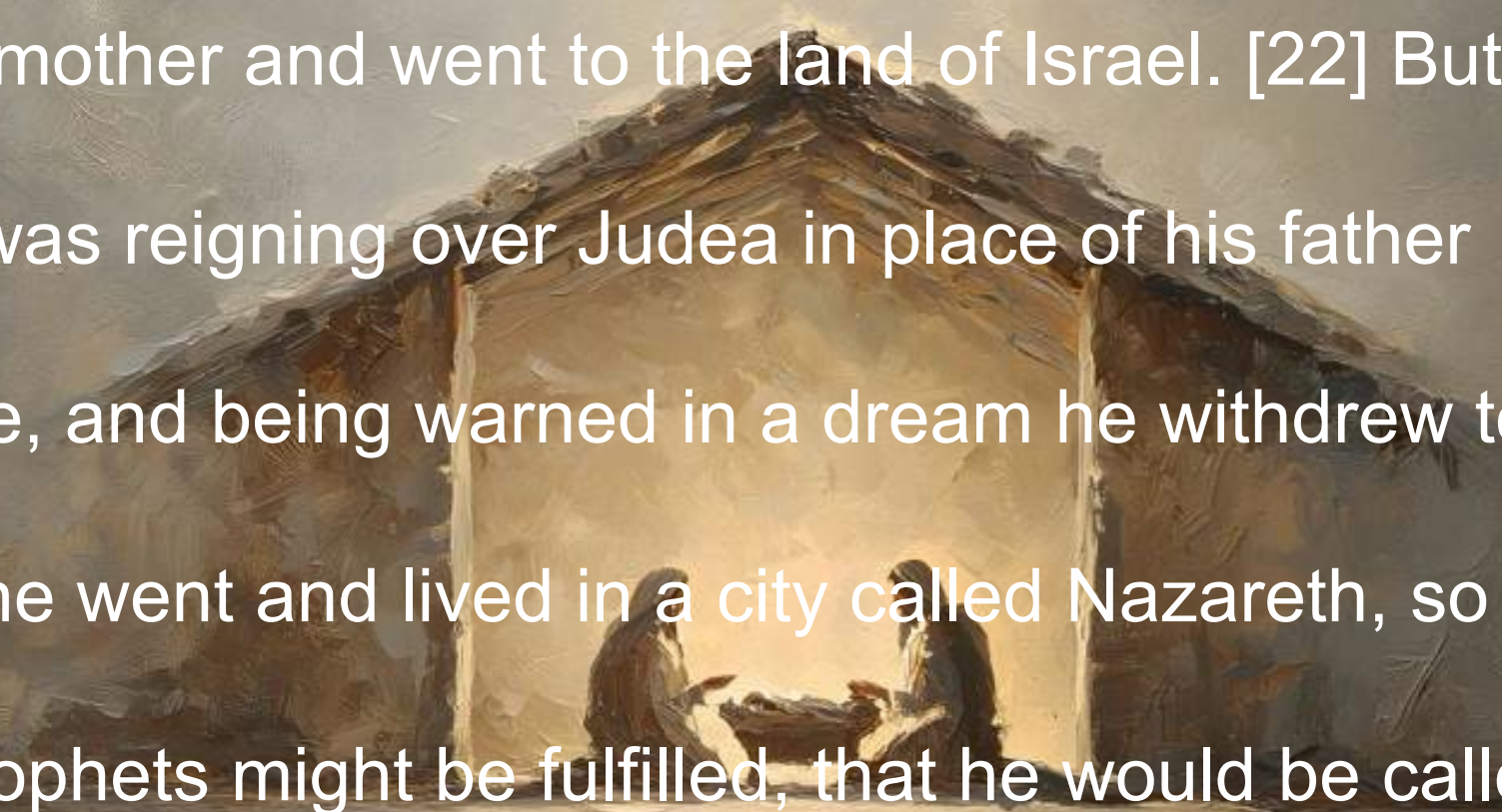




## Matthew 2:19–21

### The Return to Nazareth

[19] But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, [20] saying, “Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child’s life are dead.” [21] And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. [22] But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. [23] And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, so that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, that he would be called

A painting depicting the Holy Family in a stable. Mary is seated on the right, holding the infant Jesus. Joseph is seated on the left, looking towards the child. A bright star is visible in the sky above the stable. The scene is illuminated by a warm, golden light.



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# An Exemplar

- Quiet...*James 1:19*
- Just...*Isaiah 1:17*
- Gracious...*Ephesians 4:32*
- Compassionate...*Colossians 3:12-13*
- Humble...*Philippians 2:8*
- Faithful...*Galatians 5:22-24*





# Conclusion

