



Angels

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Introduction:

- Journey to Jesus this Christmas
- Lots of angels at Christmas

Angel visits to Joseph and Mary

1. Joseph - _____

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¹⁸ This is how Jesus the Messiah was born. His mother, Mary, was engaged to be married to Joseph. But before the marriage took place, while she was still a virgin, she became pregnant through the power of the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Joseph, to whom she was engaged, was a righteous man and did not want to disgrace her publicly, so he decided to break the engagement quietly. ²⁰ As he considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream. "Joseph, son of David," the angel said, "do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. For the child within her was conceived by the Holy Spirit.

²¹ And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins..." ²⁴ When Joseph woke up, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded and took Mary as his wife. **Matthew 1:18-21, 24 NLT**

2. Mary - _____

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²⁶ ... God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a village in Galilee, ²⁷ to a virgin named Mary. She was engaged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of King David. ²⁸ Gabriel appeared to her and said, Greetings, favored woman! The Lord is with you!" ²⁹ Confused and disturbed, Mary tried to think what the angel could mean. ³⁰ "Don't be afraid, Mary," the angel told her, "for you have found favor with God!" ³¹ You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³² He will be very great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³ And he will reign over Israel forever; his Kingdom will never end!" ³⁴ Mary asked the angel, "But how can this happen? I am a virgin." ³⁵ The angel replied, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the baby to be born will be holy, and he will be called the Son of God. ³⁸ Mary responded, "I am the Lord's servant. May everything you have said about me come true." And then the angel left her. **Luke 1:26-35, 38 NLT**

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Next Steps:

- Re-read today's Bible verses
- Commit to intentionally get closer to God this Christmas season: _____
- God is calling me to be faithful like Joseph and Mary: _____
- Commit to share God's love and truth this Christmas season: _____
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