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# Study No. 2

## Christ's Birth - Problems Faced



*Matthew 1: 18-25*



*Matthew 1: 21*

Suggested Further Reading

Galatians 4: 4 & 5    1 Timothy 1: 15    1 John 4: 9 & 14

Joseph faced a very difficult decision. He discovered that Mary, whom he was shortly to marry, was expecting a baby! He must have wondered who was responsible.



Write a sentence to describe what he planned to do.

Two horizontal lines for writing.

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What was it about his character that made him act this way? (See Matthew 1: 19.)

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Underline who it was that visited Joseph as he thought about what he should do.

*His father                  Mary                  An angel*  
*David                          A priest*

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Circle how the Lord's messenger appeared to Joseph.

*In a burning bush                  In a cloud                  In a dream*

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Read verse 20 and put suitable words in the spaces and then finish the sentence to tell what the angel said to him.

"Joseph, son of ..... do not ..... to take ..... as your ..... because ....."

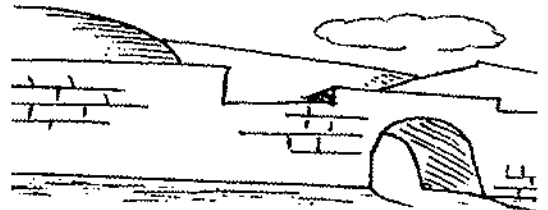
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Write out the Key Verse to find out what else the angel said.

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Ever since Adam and Eve had disobeyed God in Eden, a Saviour was needed. Throughout many centuries, God had been promising to send Him, and had been preparing the way for Him to come. Now the right moment for His birth had arrived - the Saviour was about to be born!



Look up and write out Galatians 4: 4 which explains this point.


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These events were the fulfilment of a prophecy given many years before.

Read Matthew 1: 22 & 23 and refer to Study 1 to discover the name of the prophet who had written these words.

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Underline the correct answer in each set of brackets.

Behold, a (GIRL / WOMAN / VIRGIN) shall conceive and bear (A SON / A DAUGHTER / TWINS) and they shall call the child's name (BETHUEL / SAMUEL / EMMANUEL)."

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## WORD SEARCH

Answer the following AND circle your answers in the WORD SEARCH.

1. To whom did the angel appear? .....
2. The name of the Child's mother. ....
3. One of the Child's names. ....
4. The prophet's description of the mother. ....
5. The Child's conception was by the ..... Spirit.
6. His people would be saved from these. ....

Beginning at the arrow, write down the remaining letters to discover the meaning of one of the Child's names.

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Write IN YOUR OWN WORDS what Joseph did when he woke up.


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If, like Joseph, we trust and obey God's Word, when we are faced with problems, we, too, can be assured of God's help. Remember that when we know the Lord Jesus as our Saviour, we can always tell Him about our difficulties by praying to Him. As our Friend, He is always ready to listen and to help us.



What name did Joseph give to Mary's first-born Son?  
This name means 'God, the Saviour'.

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