

This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant 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.

²⁰But 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. ²¹She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

²²All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: ²³"The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us").

Matthew 1:18-25

The <u>arrival of Jesus</u> was to <u>save</u> people from their sins



The <u>arrival of Jesus</u> was so <u>God</u> could be <u>WITH US</u>



If our greatest need had been information, •God would have sent us an educator. If our greatest need had been technology, •God would have sent us a scientist. If our greatest need had been money, •God would have sent us an economist. If our greatest need had been pleasure, •God would have sent us an entertainer. But our greatest need is forgiveness, •so God sent us a Savior.

A Savior is one who eliminates any barrier between us and God



"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

John 3:16



Accepting God's Gift of LOVE is to BELIEVE in Jesus

