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Q&A

What famous person was Joseph related to?

To whom was Joseph betrothed?

Read more about it in Matthew 1

A Good News Story

An Angel Calms Joseph in a Dream

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Joseph was a carpenter who lived in Nazareth. He was a very devout and righteous man who always obeyed God's laws.

Although Joseph was not wealthy, he did come from a very important and well-known family. One of his ancestors was King David, the shepherd boy whom God chose to become the ruler of the Israelites during Old Testament times.

Joseph was betrothed to a virgin named Mary. "Betrothed" means that Joseph and Mary were married, but they were not yet living together as husband and wife in the same house.

One day, Joseph learned that Mary was going to have a baby. Joseph decided that, according to the law, he should not remain married to her. Since he was such a good man, Joseph did not want to bring any shame or harm to Mary, so he decided he would not make a big fuss about divorcing her.

What Joseph did not realize was



Bible Trivia

Why did Joseph and Mary present the baby Jesus at the Temple? (Hint: Luke 2:22-24)

Answer: To consecrate him to God.

that Mary had been visited by the angel Gabriel, who told her that the Holy Spirit would come upon her.

"You will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus," Gabriel told Mary. "He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give Him

the throne of David His father, and He will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end."

Not long after he had decided to divorce Mary, Joseph had a dream. An angel of God spoke to him.

"Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home," the angel said. "For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name Him Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins."

What the angel said to Joseph fulfilled an Old Testament prophecy that God had revealed to his people through one of his prophets: "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel." Emmanuel means "God is with us."

When Joseph woke up, he did exactly as the angel had told him to do. Instead of divorcing Mary, he took her into his home and waited for Jesus to be born.



(Photo provided)

St. Catherine of Siena School Students in Community Event

Some of St. Catherine of Siena School students pose before a community-wide event Dec. 6. They presented a scene called "Come Let Us Adore Him" at the annual Dickens in Dundee living windows event in downtown West Dundee. The students showed the true meaning of Christmas to all as patrons walked throughout Dundee visiting all of the displays.

Puzzle

Below are some events surrounding the early life of Jesus. Put them in the order in which they happened. (Hint: Answers are in Luke 2, except C, which can be found in Matthew 2:10-11.)

- ___ A. Joseph and Mary lose Jesus after a festival.
- ___ B. Jesus is born in Bethlehem.
- ___ C. The Magi visit Jesus and give him gifts.
- ___ D. Jesus is presented at the Temple.
- ___ E. Joseph and Mary name their baby Jesus

Answer: A. 5; B. 1; C. 2; D. 4; E. 3