

The Gospel – Matthew's Report

Chapter 1 (18 - 25)

This is how Jesus came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph. But before they lived together, Mary became pregnant by the power of the Holy Spirit.

An angel appeared to Joseph in a dream and said "Joseph, descendant of David, do not be afraid to live with Mary as your wife. Her baby has been conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son.

You must name him 'Jesus' ('God **saves**') because he will **save** his people from their sins".

Joseph took Mary to his home as his wife. She gave birth to a son, Jesus.

Dear Jesus, Son of God, son of Mary, step-son of Joseph, please help me understand how you are the **Saviour** of the world

Chapter 2 (1 -12)

Jesus was born in the town of Bethlehem, during the reign of King Herod. Some months after Jesus' birth, several wise men from the East came to Jerusalem. They said "Where is the infant king of the Jews? We saw his star as it rose, and we have come to offer him honor"

King Herod felt threatened by this news. He knew from the Scriptures that the promised Saviour would be born in Bethlehem.