

## JOSEPH'S RESPONSE TO MARY'S PREGNANCY

(Matthew 1:18-25)

### I. AN ANGEL APPEARS TO JOSEPH IN A DREAM (Matthew 1:18-25)

#### A. Joseph is INFORMED regarding Mary's miraculous conception (1:18-23)

1. Matthew tells the story of the birth of Jesus from the standpoint of \_\_\_\_\_, as Luke gives it from the standpoint of \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 18)
2. One can only imagine how Joseph's \_\_\_\_\_ was broken and his \_\_\_\_\_ dashed when to his dismay he learned of his fiancé's pregnancy. (v. 19a)
3. Joseph's love for Mary was demonstrated in the way that he was going to handle the situation, he chose not to make a \_\_\_\_\_ spectacle of her, but instead \_\_\_\_\_ divorce her. (v. 19b)
4. The angel spoke of the supernatural \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 20), as well as the name and purpose of this male child, "*He will \_\_\_\_\_ His people from their sins.*" (v. 21)
5. Joseph was informed that this virgin born son would \_\_\_\_\_ the prophecy in Isaiah 7:14. (vv. 22-23)

#### B. Joseph's immediate OBEDIENCE regarding Mary (1:24-25)

1. It seems that Joseph \_\_\_\_\_ the Jewish custom of a yearlong betrothal period, and instead he did what was \_\_\_\_\_ for Mary in light of her condition that would soon be very public. (v. 24)
2. Matthew intentionally states that while Joseph and Mary were now husband and wife they did \_\_\_\_\_ consummate the marriage until \_\_\_\_\_ the birth of Jesus. (v. 25)

## MARY: SEPARATING THE FACTS FROM FICTION

NOTE: There is what contemporary religion has to say about Mary the mother of Jesus, and then there is what the Bible teaches about her. Let us be discerning in separating the truth from the fallacies.

- 1) Religion says: *Mary was a perpetual virgin.*  
The Bible says:
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 2) Religion says: *Mary is the dispenser of God's grace.*  
The Bible says:
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 3) Religion says: *Mary is a co-mediator and co-redemptrix with Christ.*  
The Bible says:
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 4) Religion says: *Mary is the "queen of heaven" and the "mother of God."*  
The Bible says:
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 5) Religion says: *Mary is to receive veneration, prayers, and even worship.*  
The Bible says:
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 6) Religion says: *Mary never sinned or died but bodily ascended right into heaven.*  
The Bible says:
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 7) Religion says: *Mary regularly appears still today via apparitions and makes prophecies.*  
The Bible says: