

“After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, ‘Get up, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who were trying to take the child’s life are dead.

So he got up, took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning in Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Having been warned in a dream, he withdrew to the district of Galilee, and he went and lived in a town called Nazareth. So was fulfilled what was said through the prophets: ‘He will be called a Nazarene.’” (Matthew 02:19-23, NIV)

Take the Time to Listen

Joseph is tuned in to the Lord.

Interruptions Happen: Embrace Them

God does not abandon His people.



Other Notes or Observations You Have:

Remember Me?
Matthew 01:18-25; 02:13-15; 02:19-23
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“This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. 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.

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

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: ‘The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel’—which means, ‘God with us.’

When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. But he had no union with her until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus”

Matthew 01:18-25 (NIV)

No Need to Count Sheep

Joseph was interrupted.

“In vain you rise early and stay up late, toiling for food to eat—for He grants sleep to those He loves” (Psalm 127:02, NIV)

“One can therefore expect the unexpected when dealing with God” (Garland)



From “Marry Me” to “I Did Not See That Coming”



A girl could be pledged to be married as early as 12 years old in Jesus' day.

Once the pledge is made, it can only be canceled by an official bill of divorce.

Righteous= faithful observer of the law

Now, what is he going to do?

How concerned are you about mercy?

Before the Height & Weight:

The name of Joseph's son anticipates His future career.

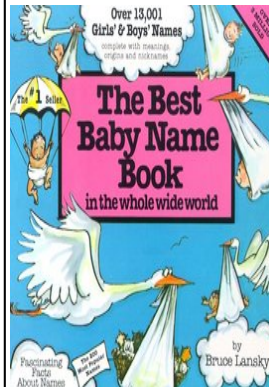
There is a lot said in a name.

A name signifies a person.

A quick look at Genesis 02:19-20

“No suitable helper was found.”

Christ is the helper we need.



“When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. ‘Get up,’ he said, ‘take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him.’

So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: ‘Out of Egypt I called my son’ (Matthew 02:13-15, NIV)

Obey to Protect

This is the first time we find out that everyone is not very excited that Jesus is here.

Joseph must protect his family.

Joseph's obedience is immediate.

How well do you respond to God's direction?

What is God calling you to do that you may be delaying?

You can't help but see that with each of Joseph's decisions another prophecy is fulfilled.