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*“...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*

### **I. Good Man in Great Crisis (vs. 18 – 20a)**

- A. Joseph was “faithful to the law” (Gen. 6:9; Luke 1:6)
- B. Joseph was graceful – not wanted to disgrace Mary
- C. Joseph faced a great crisis – they were “pledged to be married” but she was found to be pregnant
  - 1. Public humiliation – People would have a hard time believing the truth
  - 2. Religious reputation – Her “husband” even though they were not “married” yet
  - 3. Personal responsibility (vs. 20a) – (enthymeomai = angry passionate wrestling)

### **II. God’s Messenger with Great Challenge (vs. 20, 21)**

- A. An angel of the Lord in a dream – 4 times this happen!  
(2:12, 2:19, 2:22)
- B. The key to the Advent story –
  - 1. Joseph son of David – He was in the right lineage
  - 2. Take Mary home as your wife – Mary needed a husband and Jesus needed a father figure!
  - 3. You are to give him the name Jesus (Jehovah is salvation) – The responsibility of the Father to name the child
- C. God’s will takes a team to accomplish!

### **III. God Message with Great Courage (vs. 21c – 24)**

- A. Great news! He will SAVE (sozo) His people from their sins!
  - 1. Saved from the penalty of sin
  - 2. Saved from the power of sin
  - 3. Saved from the presence of sin
- B. He fulfills the messianic prophecies – specifically Isa. 7:14
- C. Joseph responds with great courage:
  - 1. Took Mary home as his wife – Protected her, covered her, supported her
  - 2. Accepted Jesus as his responsibility
  - 3. Guarded Mary’s virginity
  - 4. Named Jesus as requested