



THE DECISION EXPRESSED - V24-25



THE APPROVAL - V24A

When Joseph woke up, he did what the Lord's angel had told him to do.

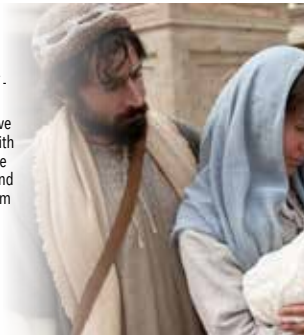


THE ACCEPTANCE - V24B

Joseph took Mary as his wife,

THE AGREEMENT - V25

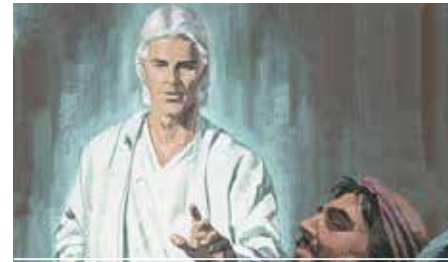
but he did not have sexual relations with her until she gave birth to the son. And Joseph named him Jesus





THE DILEMMA EXPOSED - V18-19

THE DETAILS - V18A  
This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. His mother Mary was engaged to marry Joseph,



THE DREAM ENDORSED - V20-23

THE ACKNOWLEDGMENT- V20

While Joseph thought about these things, an angel of the Lord came to him in a dream. The angel said, "Joseph, descendant of David, don't be afraid to take Mary as your wife, because the baby in her is from the Holy Spirit."



THE ASSERTION - V21  
She will give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."



THE DEVASTATION - V18B  
but before they married, she learned she was pregnant by the power of the Holy Spirit

THE DISGRACE - V19

Because Mary's husband, Joseph, was a good man, he did not want to disgrace her in public, so he planned to divorce her secretly.



THE AFFIRMATION - V22-23

All this happened to bring about what the Lord had said through the prophet: "The virgin will be pregnant. She will have a son, and they will name him Immanuel," which means "God is with us."