

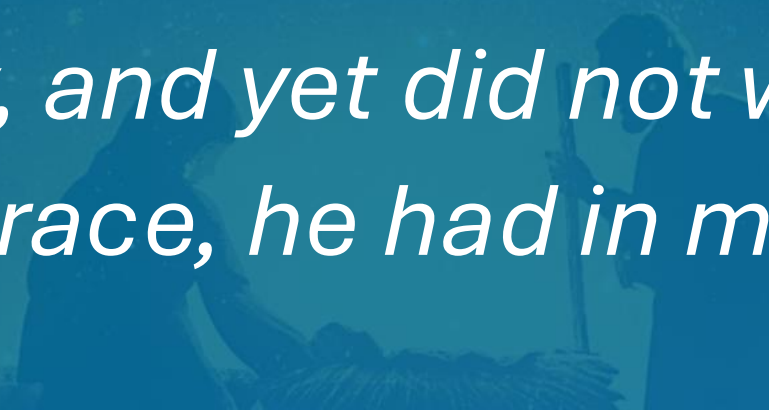
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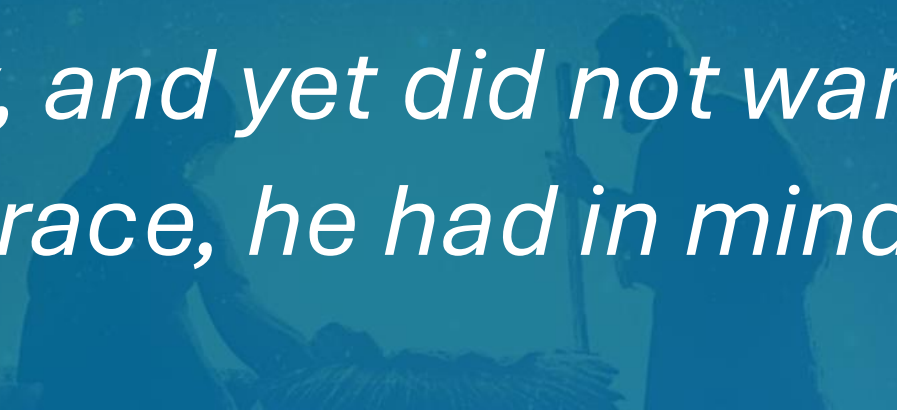
Matthew 1:18-19 (NIV-UK)

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A faint, stylized illustration in the background shows Joseph and Mary. Joseph is on the right, holding a staff, and Mary is on the left, holding a bundle of straw or hay. They are standing in a field with a large, bright circular light behind them, possibly representing the sun or moon.

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A faint, dark silhouette of a man and a woman standing in a field. The man is on the right, holding a staff or a long object. The woman is on the left, facing him. The background is a soft, hazy landscape with a large, bright circular shape on the right, possibly a moon or a sun.

Matthew 1:20-25 (NIV-UK)

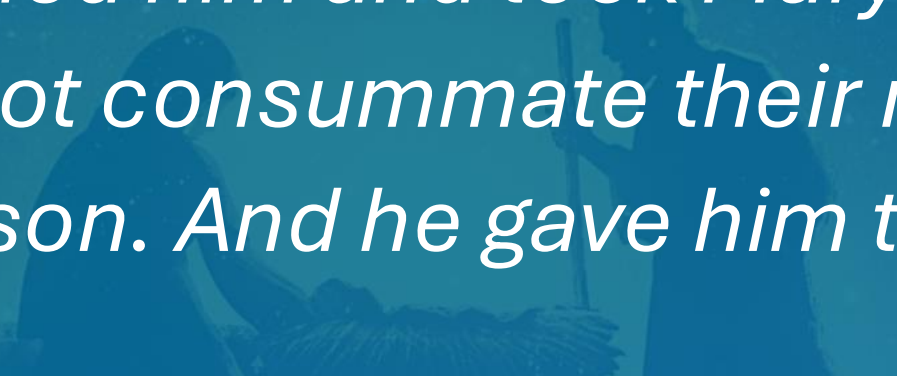
²⁰ But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.'



Matthew 1:20-25 (NIV-UK)

²² All this took place to fulfil what the Lord had said through the prophet: ²³ ‘The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel’ (which means ‘God with us’).

²⁴ When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. ²⁵ But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.



Matthew 2:13-18 (NIV-UK)

¹³ When they (The Magi) 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.’

¹⁴ So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, ¹⁵ 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 2:13-18 (NIV-UK)

¹⁶ When Herod realised that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi. ¹⁷ Then what was said through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled:

¹⁸ ‘A voice is heard in Ramah, weeping and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children and refusing to be comforted, because they are no more.’

Matthew 2:19-23 (NIV-UK)

¹⁹ After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt ²⁰ 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.'²¹ So he got up, took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel.



Matthew 2:19-23 (NIV-UK)

²² 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, ²³ and he went and lived in a town called Nazareth. So was fulfilled what was said through the prophets, that he would be called a Nazarene.



James 2:24-26 (NIV-UK)

²⁴ You see that a person is considered righteous by what they do and not by faith alone.

²⁵ In the same way, was not even Rahab the prostitute considered righteous for what she did when she gave lodging to the spies and sent them off in a different direction?

²⁶ As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.

A faint, artistic illustration in the bottom right corner shows the silhouettes of a man and a woman in a field. The man is standing and holding a long staff or pole, while the woman is seated or kneeling in front of him. The background is a soft, hazy landscape with rolling hills.