

Mark 1-2

1The Good News about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God, begins
2with what the prophet Isaiah said would happen. He wrote:

“Listen! I will send my messenger ahead of you.

He will prepare the way for you.” *Malachi 3:1*

Matthew 1:1; 18-25

1This is the family history of Jesus the Messiah. He came from the family of David,
who was from the family of Abraham.

18This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah happened. His mother Mary was
engaged to marry Joseph. But before they married, he learned that she was expecting a
baby. (She was pregnant by the power of the Holy Spirit.)

19Mary’s husband, Joseph, was a good man. He did not want to cause her public
disgrace, so he planned to divorce her secretly.

20But after Joseph thought about this, an angel from the Lord came to him in a
dream. The angel said, “Joseph, son of David, don’t be afraid to accept Mary to be your
wife. The baby inside her is from the Holy Spirit.

21She will give birth to a son. You will name him Jesus. Give him that name because
he will save his people from their sins.”

22All this happened to make clear the full meaning of what the Lord said through the
prophet:

23“The virgin will be pregnant and will give birth to a son. They will name him
Immanuel.”(Immanuel means “God with us.”)

24When Joseph woke up, he did what the Lord’s angel told him to do. He married
Mary.

25But Joseph did not have sexual relations with her until her son was born. And he named him Jesus.

Matthew 2:1-2; 11

1Jesus was born in the town of Bethlehem in Judea during the time when Herod was king. After Jesus was born, some wise men from the east came to Jerusalem.

2They asked people, "Where is the child who has been born to be the king of the Jews? We saw the star that shows he was born. We saw it rise in the sky in the east and have come to worship him."

11The wise men came to the house where the child was with his mother Mary. They bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened the boxes of gifts they had brought for him. They gave him treasures of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.