

## Message (s) to Joseph

**Brain Busters:** *Did you realize . . .*

Mary was met by Gabriel and given her message  
BUT Joseph's message came from an angel in a dream,

Mary's message face to face.  
Joseph four messages by dreams.

### Dream One

**Matt. 1:18-25**

**Direction from God to marry Mary**

*[3 stages in a marriage back then]*

- ◇ **Engagement:** *Arranged Marriages done years ahead.*
- ◇ **Betrothed:** *one year before.*  
*Status of Marriage but no rights of marriage*  
*Already called a husband—needing divorce papers*
- ◇ **Marriage:** *rights of Marriage*

**Name the boy**

“Jesus”<sup>Greek</sup> “Joshua”<sup>Heb.</sup> = *The LORD Saves*

### Dream Two

**Matt. 2:13-15**

**Flee to Egypt**

*Does that show Faith???*

### Dream Three

**Matt. 2:19-21**

**Return to Israel**

### Dream Four

**Matt. 2:22-23**

**Don't return to Judea—head to Galilee**

## Observation:

Each step of guidance from God  
was fulfilling another part of the plan.

## Three Key Titles spoken to Joseph:

**JESUS** ~ *Saving His People from their sins.*

**CHRIST** ~ **Appointed Deliverer.**

**IMMANUEL** ~ **Saving His People from their sins.**

## Thought to Consider:

Dealing with SIN a dirty job

One would be appointed to do the task

God chose to do it Himself