



Dreams and Visions in the Bible

Tuesday Bible Study at St. John Lutheran Church
September 16: Joseph's Dreams

Which Gospels contain a nativity or incarnation narrative?

John 1:9 The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

In what periods of biblical history did God give dreams?

Matthew 1:18-19

How does Mary's pregnancy occur?

Luke 1:35 The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy-the Son of God.

What kind of man is Joseph?

What is Joseph's plan regarding his pregnant betrothed?

Matthew 1:20-23

How does God speak to Joseph?

Why is the Child to be named Jesus?

What had the Prophet Isaiah predicted?

^{ESV} **Isaiah 7:14** Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

^{NRSV} **Isaiah 7:14** Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son and shall name him Immanuel.

^{LLXX} **Isaiah 7:14** Because of this, the Lord himself will give you a sign: Look, the virgin will conceive in the womb and will bear a son, and you will call his name Immanuel.

Matthew 1:24-25

Does Joseph question the dream? Does he obey?

Do we believe in the perpetual virginity of Mary?

^{NJB} **Matthew 1:25** he had not had intercourse with her when she gave birth to a son; and he named him Jesus.

^{NKJ} **Matthew 1:25** and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name JESUS.

Matthew 2: 12

Why do the Magi avoid Herod?

Matthew 2:13-15

What is the next instruction that Joseph receives in a dream?

Hosea 11:1 When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son.

Was this the intended meaning of the Prophet Hosea?

Matthew 2:19-23

What changes permit the Holy Family to return to Israel? How do they know?

How many dreams does Joseph have in this passage?

Where does God direct the Holy Family to live?

What are the connections between Nazareth and a Nazarene or Nazarite vow?

Numbers 6:2-5 Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, When either a man or a woman makes a special vow, the vow of a Nazirite, to separate himself to the LORD, he shall separate himself from wine and strong drink...All the days of his vow of separation, no razor shall touch his head. Until the time is completed for which he separates himself to the LORD, he shall be holy. He shall let the locks of hair of his head grow long.