

**Exposition of Matthew**  
**You Shall Call His Name Jesus**  
**(1:18-25)**

**Introduction**

**I. The Holy Spirit and the Engagement Dilemma (18-19)**

- A. Now the Origin of Jesus Messiah was like this
- B. The timing of the crisis
- C. She was found with child by the Holy Spirit
- D. Joseph's reaction

**II. An Angel Appears to Correct the Course (20-23)**

- A. While Joseph is pondering/considering these things
- B. The angel of the Lord appears in a dream
- C. Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife
- D. For that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit

“The Genesis of Jesus inside human life is the exclusive work of the Holy Spirit, the *Creator Spiritus*, who began the world's creation (Gen. 1:2) and now generates the world's salvation” (Dale F. Bruner).

- E. You shall call His name Jesus
- F. Fulfillment of Isaiah 7:14

### **III. The Birth of Messiah (24-25)**

- A. Joseph awoke and did as the angel charged him  
And took Mary as his wife  
“Joseph’s obedience and submission under these  
circumstances is scarcely less remarkable than Mary’s”  
(D.A. Carson, 81).
  
- B. He did not know he until she bore a son
  
- C. And he called His name Jesus