



New Daylight

Bible readings for your walk with God

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Matthew 1:23–25 (TNIV)

Messiah, Immanuel, Jesus

'... and they will call him Immanuel' (which means 'God with us'). When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. But he had no union with her until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

While Luke's account focuses on Mary and her response to God's work, Matthew recounts Joseph's willingness to follow God's plans. Joseph was obedient immediately: he fulfilled the second part of the betrothal, which was the official marriage ceremony, and he named his son Jesus, as instructed by the angel.

What's in a name? In biblical times, a name would often connote characteristics that the parents believed the child would embody. Along these lines, God, through his angel, told Joseph to name his son Jesus,