



THE NATIVITY OF JESUS

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Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. MATTHEW 1:18 ESV

Celebrating the Nativity is the primary way Christians love the _____ of Messiah, even as we await His _____ . 2 TIMOTHY 4:8



The Mystic Nativity

Sandro Botticelli (1501)

“Botticelli reminds us that the birth of Christ was not just an event that took place on earth, but that it has implications and ramifications that impact every level of reality.”

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Responding to *The Mystic Nativity* by Sandro Botticelli plus the Christmas story in Matthew 1:18-25.

1. Do the _____ thing.

And Joseph, her husband, being a righteous man, and not wanting to disgrace her, desired to put her away secretly. MATTHEW 1:19 ESV

2. Leave room for _____.

“Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.” MATTHEW 1:20 ESV

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: ²³“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us). MATTHEW 1:22-23 ESV

3. Receive your _____.

“She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” MATTHEW 1:21 ESV

4. _____ God without hesitation.

When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, ²⁵but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus. MATTHEW 1:24-25 ESV