



THE GOSPEL OF
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John 3:8: The **wind** [“spirit”] blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is **born of the Spirit.**”



2. A royal name: Jesus is sent by God to save his people (1:20–21)

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Five Dreams in Matthew 1–2

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1:20	behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream
2:12	And being warned in a dream
2:13	behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream
2:19	behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt
2:22	being warned in a dream



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Isaiah 9:6:

For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
and his name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Fulfilled Prophecies in Matthew 1–2

OT	Matthew	Summary
Isa 7:14	1:22–23	All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet
Mic 5:2	2:5–6	for so it is written by the prophet
Hos 11:1	2:15	This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet
Jer 31:15	2:17–18	Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah
“branch”	2:23	so that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled



4. A royal son: Jesus is adopted by a Davidic heir (1:24–25)

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