

GOSPEL ACCORDING TO 'EASTENDERS' # 1

MARY:

Hi'ya Joe, good day?

JOE:

I've had better Mary. You?

MARY:

Yeah, yeah, alright, I suppose... Joe, sit down for a minute.

JOE:

Not now. Have you seen my chisel?

MARY:

No, no. Joe, please sit down.

JOE:

I can't, I gotta' give Darren that quote for the bookshelves and then I've got to hang Dot's door.

MARY:

It's important.

JOE:

O.K, O.K, but make it quick.

MARY:

Joe... (PAUSE) ... I'm pregnant. (PAUSE) Did you hear?

JOE:

'Course I heard, that's brilliant. When's it due?

MARY:

December 24th – 25th. But the...

JOE:

How far gone are you?

MARY:

About two months...But...

JOE:

That'd be back in April though.

MARY:

Yeah, about then...But...

JOE:

I was in Basildon for six weeks.

MARY:

That's what I've been trying to tell you....

JOE:
What?

MARY:
(PAUSE) You're not the father.

JOE:
WHAT? Who is?

MARY:
I don't know.

JOE:
Why you...

MARY:
NO! Joe, it's not as simple as that.

JOE:
What you talking about?

MARY:
The baby.

JOE:
(PAUSE) Who's the father?

MARY:
I told you, I don't know.

JOE:
You don't know? I come home from work, you tell me you're pregnant, then, tell me that I'm not the dad and you don't know who is!

MARY:
It's complicated.

JOE:
Too right it's complicated. What's so 'Complicated'?

MARY:
It's...

JOE:
It's what? Eddie's?

MARY:
No.

JOE:
Darren's?

MARY:
No.

JOE:
Ashley's?

MARY:
NO! It's immaculate!

JOE:
Who told you it's immaculate? **(THE SCENE CONTINUES)**

GOSPEL ACCORDING TO 'EASTENDERS' # 2

(AFTER THE BIRTH...ENTER MARY & JOE)

JOE:
You alright darlin'?

MARY:
Fine, fine, bit tired.

JOE:
Here, you sit down, give him to me, I'll put him to bed. **(TAKES BABY OFFSTAGE)**

MARY:
Thanks darlin'... **(CALLING OFF)** ...He hasn't got a bed!

JOE: **(OFFSTAGE)**
I knocked him up a crib from Darren's off cuts.

MARY:
(CALLING OFF) Ahhh, that's really thoughtful. He might need changing!

JOE: **(OFFSTAGE)**
I'll see... **(WE HEAR JOE SNIFF...THEN, AS THOUGH HE'S JUST SMELT THE WORST SMELL IN THE WORLD)** ...No, he's fine.

MARY:
It's nice now innit? Just the three of us...

JOE: **(RE-ENTERING)**
Yeah, yeah... speaking of three...

MARY:
Oh, for God's sake...

JOE:
Who were those three blokes, with the gifts?

MARY:
I've told you. I don't know.

JOE:
You must do.

MARY:
I got no idea.

JOE:
You must admit it is a bit odd.

MARY:
I've never seen them before in my life.

JOE:
They seemed to know an awful lot about you.

MARY:
Oh, Drop it Joe.
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JOE:
Well, you'd be suspicious if these three birds turned up and gave me gifts.

MARY:
You hadn't just given birth.

JOE:
And what was all that about a new born King?

MARY:
I dunno'. Maybe they were Elvis fans.