

5 And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet,
 6 And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel.
 7 Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared.
 8 And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also.
 9 When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was.
 10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.
 11 And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense and myrrh.
 12 And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.

Declared Throughout the New Testament

John 1:1,14. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God...And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us.
John 3:16. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
Gal. 4:4. But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law.
I Tim. 3:16. And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.
Heb. 10:5. Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me.

Why the Saviour Came to Bethlehem

Our Need Is Great

Lk. 19:10. For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.
Rom. 3:10. There is none righteous, no not one.
Isa. 53:6. All we like sheep have gone astray: we have turned every one to his own way.

Rev. 20:15. Whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

Psa. 9:17. The wicked shall be turned into hell.

God's Love Is Greater

Rom. 5:20. Where sin abounded, grace did much more abound.
I Jn. 4:10. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.
I Jn. 4:14. The Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world.
I Pet. 2:24. Who his own self bare our sins in his own body.
Isa. 53:6,10. The Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all...made his soul an offering for sin.
Rom. 4:25. Who was delivered for our offences and raised for our justification.
Rev. 1:5. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood.
 IT IS FINISHED. *John 19:30.*

The Offer is Urgent

Heb. 2:3. How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation.
Titus 3:5. Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us.
Eph. 2:8,9. For by grace are ye saved through faith...not of your selves...not of works.
John 3:3. Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.
Lk. 13:3. Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.
Acts 16:31. Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved.
Rev. 3:20. Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him.
I Jn. 5:13. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God: that ye may know that ye have eternal life.
II Cor. 6:2. Behold, now is the accepted time ; behold , now is the day of salvation.

Dear friend the Saviour came to Bethlehem for YOU.
 Would you not now confess to Christ in prayer that you repent of your sins and now believe on Him as your personal Saviour. I John 5:13 will then become the **Title Deed** of your salvation.

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The Saviour

Came to Bethlehem

The Birth of Christ from the King James Bible

Foretold in the Old Testament

Isa. 7:14. Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.
Isa. 9:6. For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.
Mic. 5:2. But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.

The Narrowing Circle

Christ's *goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting* (Micah 5:2). He is the Eternal God, the Son of God. Yet, in His becoming Man, the Old Testament gave seven great promises as to how He would come. He would be:
 of the Human Race, *Gen. 3:15*;
 of a section of that race, *Shem, Gen. 9:26*;
 of a nation belonging to that section, the Hebrew, *Gen. 12:3*;
 of a tribe in that nation, Judah, *Gen. 49:10*;
 of a family in that tribe, David, *II Sam. 7:16*;
 of a member of that family, a woman, the Virgin, *Isa. 7:14*;
 in a village belonging to that woman's ancestry, Bethlehem, *Micah 5:2*.

Fulfilled in the New Testament

The Annunciation to Mary, Luke 1:26-38

26 And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth,
 27 To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph,

of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.

28 And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women.

29 And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be.
30 And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God.

31 And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.

32 He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:

33 And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

34 Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?

35 And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

36 And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren.

37 For with God nothing shall be impossible.

38 And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.

Mary Visits Elizabeth, Luke 1:39-45

39 And Mary arose in those days, and went into the hill country with haste, into a city of Juda;

40 And entered into the house of Zacharias, and saluted Elisabeth.

41 And it came to pass, that, when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost:

42 And she spake out with a loud voice, and said, Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb.

43 And whence is this to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?

44 For, lo, as soon as the voice of thy salutation sounded in mine ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy.

45 And blessed is she that believed: for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord.

The Magnificat, Luke 1:46-56

46 And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord,

47 And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

48 For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden:

for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

49 For he that is mighty hath done to me great things; and holy is his name.

50 And his mercy is on them that fear him from generation to generation.

51 He hath shewed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

52 He hath put down the mighty from their seats, and exalted them of low degree.

53 He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away.

54 He hath holpen his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy;

55 As he spake to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his seed for ever.

56 And Mary abode with her about three months, and returned to her own house.

The Announcement to Joseph, Matthew 1:18-25

18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.

19 Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily.

20 But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.

21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

22 Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying,

23 Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

24 Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife:

25 And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS.

The Birth of Jesus Christ, Luke 2:1-7

1 And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed.

2 (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.)

3 And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David;)

5 To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

6 And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

7 And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

The Worship of the Shepherds, Luke 2:8-20

8 And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

9 And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

12 And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

14 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

15 And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

16 And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

17 And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

18 And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

19 But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

20 And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

The Visit of the Wise Men, Matthew 2:1-12

1 Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem,

2 Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

3 When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

4 And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born.