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*Light
of the World*



God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David.

The virgin's name was Mary.

The angel went to her
and said, “Greetings,
you who are highly favored!
The Lord is with you.”

Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be.

But the angel said to her,
“Do not be afraid, Mary;
you have found **favor** with
God. You will conceive and
give birth to a son, and
you are to call him **Jesus**.

He will be great and will be
called the Son of the Most
High.

The Lord God will give him
the throne of his father David,
and he will reign over Jacob's
descendants forever; his
kingdom will **never end.**"

Luke 1:26-33

This is how the birth of Jesus
the Messiah came about:

His mother Mary was pledged
to be married to Joseph, but
before they came together, she
was found to be pregnant
through the Holy Spirit.

Because Joseph her husband
was faithful to the law, and yet
did not want to expose her to
public disgrace, he had in mind
to divorce her quietly.

But after he had considered
this, an angel of the Lord
appeared to him in a dream
and said,

“Joseph son of David, do not
be afraid to take Mary home as
your wife, because what is
conceived in her is from the
Holy Spirit.

She will give birth to a son,
and you are to give him the
name Jesus...

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name Jesus, because...

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She will give birth to a son,
and you are to give him the
name Jesus, because
he will save his people
from their sins.”

Matthew 1:18-21

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.)

And everyone went to their
own town to register.

So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David.

He went there to register with
Mary, who was pledged to be
married to him and was
expecting a child.

While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son.

She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

And there were shepherds
living out in the fields nearby,
keeping watch over their flocks
at night.

An angel of the Lord appeared
to them, and the glory of the
Lord shone around them,

An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

But the angel said to them,
“Do not be afraid. I bring you
good news that will cause great
joy for all the people.

Today in the town of David a
Savior has been born to you;
he is the Messiah, the Lord.

This will be a sign to you: You
will find a baby wrapped in
cloths and lying in a manger.”

Suddenly a great company of
the heavenly host appeared with
the angel, praising God and
saying, “Glory to God in the
highest heaven, and on earth
peace to those on **whom** his
favor rests.”

When the angels had left them
and gone into heaven, the
shepherds said to one another,
“Let’s go to Bethlehem and see
this thing that has happened,
which the Lord has told us
about.”

So they hurried off and found
Mary and Joseph, and the baby,
who was lying in the manger.

When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.

But Mary treasured up all
these things and pondered
them in her heart.

Matthew 2:1-19

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For God so loved the world
that he gave his one and only
son, that whoever believes in
will not perish but have eternal
life.

John 3:16

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For God did not send his Son
into the world to condemn the
world, but to save the world
through him.

John 3:17



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