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What Christmas Is All About

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Gabriel Is Sent to Mary in Nazareth | Luke 1:26–27

²⁶ Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the descendants of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.

Gabriel Greets Mary | Luke 1:28–33

²⁸ And coming in, he said to her, “Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.” ²⁹ But she was very perplexed at this statement, and kept pondering what kind of salutation this was. ³⁰ “Do not be afraid, Mary; for you have found favor with God. ³¹ And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David; ³³ and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end.”



Gabriel's Announcement to Mary | Luke 1:34–35

³⁴ Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I am a virgin?”

³⁵ The angel answered and said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason the holy Child shall be called the Son of God.



Gabriel's Announcement to Mary | Luke 1:36–38

³⁶ And behold, even your relative Elizabeth has also conceived a son in her old age; and she who was called barren is now in her sixth month. ³⁷ For nothing will be impossible with God.”

³⁸ And Mary said, “Behold, the bondservant of the Lord; may it be done to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.

Mary Visits Elizabeth | Luke 1:39–41

³⁹ Now at this time Mary arose and went in a hurry to the hill country, to a city of Judah, ⁴⁰ and entered the house of Zacharias and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹ When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.

Elizabeth's Inspired Greeting | Luke 1:42–45

⁴² And she cried out with a loud voice and said, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!

⁴³ And how has it happened to me, that the mother of my Lord would come to me? ⁴⁴ For behold, when the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby leaped in my womb for joy. ⁴⁵ And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what had been spoken to her by the Lord.”

Mary's Praise (the "Magnificat") | Luke 1:46–55

⁴⁶ And Mary said: "My soul exalts the Lord, ⁴⁷ and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior. ⁴⁸ For He has had regard for the humble state of His bondservant; for behold, from this time on all generations will count me blessed. ⁴⁹ For the Mighty One has done great things for me; and holy is His name. ⁵⁰ And His mercy is upon generation after generation toward those who fear Him.

Mary's Praise (the "Magnificat") | Luke 1:46–55

⁵¹ He has done mighty deeds with His arm; He has scattered those who were proud in the thoughts of their heart. ⁵² He has brought down rulers from their thrones, and has exalted those who were humble. ⁵³ He has filled the hungry with good things; and sent away the rich empty-handed. ⁵⁴ He has given help to Israel His servant, in remembrance of His mercy, ⁵⁵ as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and his descendants forever.”

Gabriel Appears to Joseph | Matthew 1:18–19

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: when His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child by the Holy Spirit.

¹⁹ And Joseph her husband, being a righteous man and not wanting to disgrace her, planned to send her away secretly.



Gabriel Appears to Joseph | Matthew 1:20–21

²⁰ But when he had considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; for the Child who has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.”

Gabriel Appears to Joseph | Matthew 1:22–25

²² Now all this took place to fulfill what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet: ²³ “Behold, the virgin shall be with child and shall bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,” which translated means, “God with us.” ²⁴ And Joseph awoke from his sleep and did as the angel of the Lord commanded him, and took Mary as his wife, ²⁵ but kept her a virgin until she gave birth to a Son; and he called His name Jesus.

Caesar's Census | Luke 2:1–3

¹ Now in those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus, that a census be taken of all the inhabited earth. ² This was the first census taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³ And everyone was on his way to register for the census, each to his own city.

Joseph and Mary Journey to Bethlehem | Luke 2:4-5

⁴ Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, ⁵ in order to register along with Mary, who was engaged to him, and was with child.

Mary Gives Birth to Jesus | Luke 2:6–7

⁶ While they were there, the days were completed for her to give birth. ⁷ And she gave birth to her firstborn son; and she wrapped Him in cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.



An Angel Announces Jesus' Birth to Shepherds | Luke 2:8-11

⁸ In the same region there were some shepherds staying out in the fields and keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ And an angel of the Lord suddenly stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were terribly frightened. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people; ¹¹ for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.



A Humble Sign and Heavenly Praise | Luke 2:12–14

¹² This will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.” ¹³ And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, ¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased.”



The Shepherds Visit Jesus | Luke 2:15-16

¹⁵ When the angels had gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds began saying to one another, “Let us go straight to Bethlehem then, and see this thing that has happened which the Lord has made known to us.” ¹⁶ So they came in a hurry and found their way to Mary and Joseph, and the baby as He lay in the manger.

Responses to the Birth of Jesus | Luke 2:17–20

¹⁷ When they had seen this, they made known the statement which had been told them about this Child. ¹⁸ And all who heard it wondered at the things which were told them by the shepherds. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured all these things, pondering them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds went back, glorifying and praising God for all that they had heard and seen, just as had been told them.





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