



THE GOOD NEWS

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He's Here

“Joseph! The baby’s coming!”

“What? Now?”

“Yes! Now!”

“But, but we’re not ready yet!”

“Please hurry!” Mary had that troubled look on her face. They had been traveling for more than a week, racing against time, and they could finally see the outskirts of Bethlehem.

Joseph picked up the pace, and soon they were at the gate. He began to yell, “Can someone help us? Please? My wife! My wife! The baby is coming!” No one responded. “Anyone? Please! We need a place to stay!”

Someone shouted, “The inns are all full!” Joseph started to panic. He darted from house to house, then from person to person. “Can someone help us? The baby is coming!”

That’s when a boy pointed to a stable full of animals. “Go in there!” Joseph contemplated the corral, then looked at Mary. She was doubled over on the donkey, writhing in pain.

Joseph helped her down, pushed the animals aside, and led her to some bales of hay. The stable boy ran to get his mother who was a midwife. She arrived in a few minutes.

“Back up, sir!” she cried. “I can help.” Joseph couldn’t watch. Mary was in so much pain. He paced around the stable, hoping that they had made it in time.

A minute later, the midwife shouted, “Push! Push! One more time!” Mary held her breath, then let out the longest, loudest scream of her life. “That’s it! That’s it!” Then, silence.

Soon, there was a baby’s cry and the words, “It’s a boy!”

Joseph rushed to Mary’s side to see him wrapped in cloths, lying in a manger. With tears in her eyes, Mary looked up and said, “He’s here.”

What Child Is This?

He’s here — never did two words have so much meaning. What Child is this in the manger?

Months earlier, the angel told Mary that He would be “the Son of the Most High and a king like David, except His kingdom would have no end” (*Lk. 1:31-33*).

The angel visited Joseph too and told him about the Child. They were to name Him Jesus, which means “God saves,” for He would save His people from their sins (*Matt. 1:21*).

When Mary visited her relative, Elizabeth, who was also pregnant, Elizabeth’s baby leapt in her womb. She was filled with the Holy Spirit and said, “Blessed are you, Mary, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. How has it happened to me, that the mother of my Lord would come to me?” Even Elizabeth knew this Child was special (*Lk. 1:39-45*).

Joseph couldn’t believe that the months had passed by so quickly, and that the Child was now lying here, peacefully sleeping. Even the lowing of the cattle had hushed.

Later that evening, shepherds appeared at the stable. Joseph and Mary thought they were there to check on the animals, but instead they had come to see the Child.

“Angels,” they said. “Lots of them! They appeared to us in the field!”

“What? You too? Did they say anything,” Joseph asked.

“Yes! They told us, ‘We have good news of great joy for all people! For today, in Bethlehem, there is born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.’ Then, they told us that we could find Him here, lying in a manger” (*Lk. 2:10-11*).

Other folks soon appeared out of the night, inquiring about the commotion. When the shepherds shared their story, the townspeople stood in wonder.

All eyes were on the baby. No one said a word, but they fell to their knees, one by one, and slowly bowed their heads. Mary just smiled and wept, as she treasured all these things in her heart (*Lk. 2:19*).

A few days later, when Joseph and Mary took Jesus to Jerusalem, to be presented in the Temple, a man named Simeon, and a woman named Anna, caused quite a stir. When they saw Jesus, they shouted to the crowd about how God had sent redemption for His people. “For those who

are searching for Him,” they said, “He is here” (*Lk. 2:21-38*).

Then, several months later, after Joseph had settled his new family in a house of their own, magi from the East came to town. They had been led to Bethlehem by a star. “We are looking for He who is the King of the Jews,” they said. When they saw Jesus, they too fell to the ground and worshiped. Then, they honored Him with wonderful gifts.

What Child is this in the manger, that everyone worships Him and speaks of Him so highly?

He is many things, all wrapped up in one person — all that God had promised, all that the prophets had foretold, and all for which His people had prayed and longed.

He is the Word of God made flesh, and He is the tabernacle who dwelt among us. He is the Light in a world overrun with darkness, and He is the Chosen Seed, who would crush the evil works of the serpent.

He is Abraham’s Blessing to the nations of the earth, and He is Jacob’s Ladder, the mediator between God and men.

He is the King of Kings, the Suffering Servant, and our Great High Priest. He is the I Am and the Shekinah Glory. He is the Lamb of God, sacrificed in our place, and Noah’s Ark, the escape from God’s judgment.

He is the Bread of Life, the Living Water, the Son of God, and the Son of Man. He is the Good Shepherd, who would lay down His life for His sheep.

He is the Way, the Truth, the Resurrection, and the Life. He is the Horn of Our Salvation!

He was all these things (and more) wrapped up in one innocent baby — the God of the universe in human form, the invisible made visible, the timeless now restrained by time, and the Almighty in a fragile frame — for what purpose but to redeem humanity from its fallen state, and to make all things new.

That’s good news, indeed; and that good news is the gospel, the miracle of Christmas. “For unto us is born this day, a Savior who is Christ the Lord!”

Ponder and Pray

Don’t miss the Christ Child.

Take time to be still, to close your eyes, and to visit the manger. Imagine that you were there that night. Imagine that you heard what the shepherds had to say.

Keep your eyes on the Child and worship. Fall to your knees, or bow your head, and worship.

You’ve been waiting so long for Him to come. You’ve heard so many things about Him, and now He’s here. Nothing else matters but the baby in the manger. He’s your Savior. Worship

Him.

The shepherds left that glorious night praising God for all they had witnessed, telling others of this miraculous birth.

What will you do, now that you've heard the story?

Don't miss Christ this Christmas.

Take time to worship at the manger. Then, go and bear witness of this Child. You know Him. Now, tell others.

“What Child is this who, laid to rest on Mary's lap, is sleeping, whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while good shepherds watch are keeping?

“Bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh. Come peasant [and] king to own Him. The King of Kings salvation brings. Let loving hearts enthrone Him.

“This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing. Haste, haste, to bring Him laud (praise, glory) — the Babe, the Son of Mary.”

Merry Christmas!

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