



“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.”

God stories.

The Holy Spirit takes over.

Anything could happen.

Shepherds out in a field watching their flocks.

Out casts, night, darkness, lambs, sheep.

Suddenly, in Bethlehem, a rushing sound.

A multitude of holy angels join the angel announcement.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. 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. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to those on whom His favor rests. Luke 2: 8-13 KJV and Luke 2:14 NIV

Let’s go see.

And they found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger.

But who is this Child?

The Child of Mary and Joseph?

Gabriel had something to say--when?

*Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. 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: 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? 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. Luke 1:30-35 KJV

And to Joseph an angel of the Lord, what?

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. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily. 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. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. Matthew 1:18-21 KJV

Unto us a Child is born...Isaiah 9:6, 7.

The Child of the Holy Spirit.

A God story of the Incarnation.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us...John 1

May we always remember who Jesus really is as we celebrate His Birth.

With love for a Merry Christmas,



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