

"It seemed good to me also,  
**HAVING HAD PERFECT UNDERSTANDING**  
of all things from the very first, to *write* unto thee  
in order, most excellent Theophilus,  
That thou mightest know the certainty of those  
things, wherein thou hast been instructed.

"There was in the days of *Herod*, the king of Judaea,  
a certain priest named *Zacharias*, of the course of  
*Abia*: and his wife was of the daughters of *Aaron*, and  
her name was *Elisabeth*.

And they were both righteous before God,  
walking in all the commandments and  
ordinances of the Lord blameless.

"And they had no child, because that *Elisabeth* was  
barren, and they both were now well stricken in years.  
And it came to pass, that while he executed the priest's  
office before God in the order of his course, according  
to the custom of the priest's office, his lot was to burn  
incense when he went into the temple of the Lord.



"And the whole  
multitude of the people  
were praying without at  
the time of incense.  
"And there appeared  
unto him **an angel** of  
the Lord standing on the  
right side of the altar of  
incense. And when  
*Zacharias* saw him, he  
was troubled, and fear  
fell upon him.

But **the angel** said  
Unto him, **Fear not,** *Zacharias*: for thy prayer is  
heard; and thy wife *Elisabeth* shall bear thee a son,  
and thou shalt call his name *John*. And thou shalt  
have **joy and gladness;** and many shall **rejoice**  
**at his birth.** For he shall be great in the sight of the  
Lord and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink;  
and he shall be filled with the *Holy Ghost*, even from  
his mother's womb.

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"And many of the children of Israel **SHALL HE TURN**  
to the Lord their God. And he shall go before him in  
the spirit and power of *Elias*, to turn the hearts of the  
fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the  
wisdom of the just; to make ready

**A PEOPLE PREPARED FOR THE LORD**

"And *Zacharias* said unto the *angel*,

Whereby shall I know this? for I am an old man,  
and my wife well stricken in years.

"And the *angel* answering said unto him,

**I am Gabriel,** that stand in the presence of  
God; and am sent to speak unto thee, and to shew  
thee these glad tidings. And behold, thou shalt  
be dumb, and not able to speak, until the day  
that these things shall be performed, because  
thou believest not my words, which shall be  
fulfilled in their season.

"And the people waited for *Zacharias*, and marvelled  
that he tarried so long in the temple. And when he came  
out, he could not speak unto them: and they perceived  
that he had seen a vision in the temple: for he beckoned  
unto them and remained speechless. And it came to pass,  
that, as soon as the days of his ministration were  
accomplished, he departed to his own house. And after  
those days his wife *Elisabeth* conceived, and hid herself  
five months, saying,

Thus, hath the Lord dealt with me in the days  
wherein he looked on me, to take away my  
reproach among men.

"And in the sixth month **the angel Gabriel** was sent  
from God unto a city of *Galilee*, named *Nazareth*, to a virgin  
espoused to a man whose name was *Joseph*, of the house  
of *David*; and the virgin's name was *Mary*. 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.

"And when she saw him, she was troubled at his  
saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation  
this should be. And **the angel** said unto her,

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.**

"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**.

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.  
For with God nothing shall be impossible.

"And *Mary* said,

Behold the *handmaid* of the Lord; be it unto  
me according to thy word.

"And the *angel* departed from her.

"And *Mary* arose in those days, and went into the hill  
country with haste, into a city of *Juda*; And entered  
into the house of *Zacharias*, and saluted *Elisabeth*.  
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*: And she spake  
out with a loud voice, and said,

Blessed Art Thou Among Women and Blessed  
is the Fruit of Thy Womb. And whence is this  
to me, that **the mother of my Lord** should  
come to me? For, lo, as soon as the voice of thy  
salutation sounded in mine ears, the **babe**  
**leaped in my womb for JOY.** And Blessed is  
She that *believed*: for there shall be a  
performance of those things which were told  
her from the Lord.

**My soul doth magnify the Lord,**  
And My spirit hath rejoiced in **GOD MY**  
**SAVIOUR.** For **he hath** regarded the low  
estate of his handmaiden: for, behold, from  
henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

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For he that is mighty hath done to me great things; and holy is his name. And his mercy is on them that fear him from generation to generation. He hath shewed strength with his arm, he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seats and exalted them of low degree. He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away. He hath holpen his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy; As he spake to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his seed for ever.

“And Mary abode with her about three months and returned to her own house. Now Elisabeth’s full time came that she should be delivered; and she brought forth a son. And her neighbours and her cousins heard how the Lord had shewed great mercy upon her; and they rejoiced with her. And it came to pass, that on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child; and they called him Zacharias, after the name of his father. And his mother answered and said,

Not so, but he shall be called John.

“And they said unto her,

There is none of thy kindred that is called by this name.

“And they made signs to his father, how he would have him called. And he asked for a writing table, and wrote, saying,

His name is John.

“And they marvelled all. And his mouth was opened immediately, and his tongue loosed, and he spake, and praised God. And fear came on all that dwelt round about them: and all these sayings were noised abroad throughout all the hill country of Judaea. And all they that heard them laid them up in their hearts, saying,

What manner of child shall this be! “And the hand of the Lord was with him. And his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Ghost, and prophesied, saying,

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people, and hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of his Servant David; As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began: That we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us; To perform the mercy promised to our fathers, and to remember his holy covenant; The oath which he sware to our father Abraham, that he would grant unto us,

“That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear, In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life. And thou, child, shalt be called THE PROPHET OF THE HIGHEST: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways; to give knowledge of SALVATION unto his people by the remission of their sins, through the tender mercy of our God. Whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us, to give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

### Luke 2:1, 3-6

“And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed— “And all went to be taxed, everyone into his own city. 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;)

“To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.”

### John 3:16-21

“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.

For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be SAVED.

“He that believeth on him is not condemned:

But he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

“And this is the condemnation,

That light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

“For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reprovèd.

But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.”

# The Biblical



## STORY (Part 1) OF WHAT IS CALLED CHRISTMAS

### Isaiah 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.”

### Matt 1:1, 16-17

“The book of the generation of JESUS CHRIST, the son of David, the son of Abraham – And Jacob begat Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ.”

### (Luke 1:1-79)

“Forasmuch as many have taken in hand to set forth in order a declaration of those things which are most surely believed among us, Even as they delivered them unto us, which from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word.