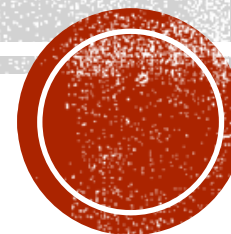


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1. Jesus Comes to Everyone - Rich/Famous and Poor/Obscure

*(Matthew 2:1-2, 9-12;
Luke 2:8-18)*



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Matt. 2:1 Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem,



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² saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”



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⁹ After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was.



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10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.



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11 And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.



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¹² And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.



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Luke 2:8 And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.



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⁹ And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear.



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10 And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.



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**11 For unto you is
born this day in the
city of David a
Savior, who is Christ
the Lord.**



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12 And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.”



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1³ And suddenly there was 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 those with whom he is pleased!”



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15 When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.”



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16 And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger.



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¹⁷ And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child.



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**18 And all who heard
it wondered at what
the shepherds told
them.**



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**2. Everyone Can Come
to Jesus - Arrogant
Sinners and Religious
Unbelievers
(*Luke 2:44-47*)**



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Luke 2:44 but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances,



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45 and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him.



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46 After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.



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47 And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers.



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3. God's Reward - for a Super-Committed Life for Him

(Luke 2:25-32, 36-38)



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Luke 2:25 Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him.



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²⁶ And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ.



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27 And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law,



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28 he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

29 “Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word;



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**30 for my eyes have seen
your salvation**

**31 that you have prepared
in the presence of all
peoples,**



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**32 a light for revelation
to the Gentiles, and for
glory to your people
Israel.”**



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³⁶ And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin,



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³⁷ and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day.



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38 And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.



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