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Introduction

PSALM 46:1-11

1. God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. 2. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth gives way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, 3. though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging. 4. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells. 5. God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day. 6. Nations are in uproar,
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kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts. 7. The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. 8. Come and see what the Lord has done, the desolations he has brought on the earth. 9. He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth. He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire. 10. He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." 11. The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

ISAIAH 35:1-10

1. The desert and the parched land will be glad; the wilderness will rejoice and blossom. Like the crocus, 2. it will burst into bloom; it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy. The glory of Lebanon will be given to it, the splendor of Carmel and Sharon; they will see the glory of the Lord, the splendor of our God. 3. Strengthen the feeble hands, steady the knees that give way; 4. say to those with fearful hearts, "Be strong, do not fear; your God will come, he will come with vengeance; with divine retribution he will come to save you." 5. Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped. 6. Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy. Water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert. 7. The burning sand will become a pool, the thirsty ground bubbling springs. In the haunts where jackals once lay, grass and reeds and papyrus will grow. 8. And a highway will be there; it will be called the Way of Holiness; it will be for those who walk on that Way. The unclean will not journey on it; wicked fools will not go about on it. 9. No lion will be there, nor any ravenous beast; they will not be found there. But only the redeemed will walk there, 10. and those the Lord has rescued will return. They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away.

JOHN 1:5;9-18

1. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2. He was with God in the beginning. 3. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. 4. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. 5. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. 9. The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. 10. He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. 11. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. 12. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— 13. children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. 14. The

Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. 15. (John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, "This is the one I spoke about when I said, 'He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.'") 16. Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given. 17. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. 18. No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.

Nativity Scenes

LUKE 1:26-38

26. In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, 27. to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. 28. The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you." 29. Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. 30. But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. 31. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. 32. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, 33. and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end." 34. "How will this be," "since I am a virgin?" 35. "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. 36. Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. 37. For no word from God will ever fail." 38. "I am the Lord's servant," "May your word to me be fulfilled."

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MATTHEW 1:18-25

18. This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about : His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. 19. Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. 20. But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." 22. All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: 23. "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us"). 24. When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. 25. But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

LUKE 2:1-7;22,23

1. In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. 2. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) 3. And everyone went to their own town to register. 4. So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. 5. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. 6. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, 7. and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

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LUKE 2:8-16

8. And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. 9. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 10. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. 11. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. 12. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.” 13. Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, 14. **“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”** 15. 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.” 16. So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger.

MATTHEW 2:1-12

1. After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem 2. and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” 3. When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. 4. When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. 5. “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written: 6. “ ‘But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.’ ” 7. Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. 8. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.” 9. After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it

rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. 10. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. 11. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. 12. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.